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In Denver, Southern Utes join the march



Then 37th annual Denver March PowWow brought thousands of Native Americans from hundreds of tribes around the country to Colorado March 18 – 20 to celebrate and share traditions in the Denver Coliseum. Austin Box proudly wears regalia representing his Southern Ute heritage and service in the U.S. Air Force in the hours leading up to the March 18 evening grand entry.

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photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM



photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

Scott Baker, Pine River Community Learning Center program administrator, and Southern Ute Tribal Councilman Alex Cloud listen as Council Lady Ramona Eagle shares her thoughts on the importance of adult education. The center hosted a two-day conference March 17 – 18 on Rural Adult Learning and Literacy at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center.

Adult education a priority for tribe, PRCLC

By Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum

The old and narrow thinking of the privileged view of educational opportunity does not favor people of color.

Hispanics, blacks and Native Americans often are not graduating, nor are they getting college degrees. Native American students top the list of those dropping out of high school at a rate of 30 percent.

Enter Ignacio's Pine River Community Learning Center, one of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's partners in championing adult education. The center hosted a two-day conference March 17 – 18 to focus on adult learning and literacy in rural settings at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Events Center. Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council members Ramona Eagle and Al Cloud showed up to voice their support for ongoing education.

The conference sought to bring together "a consortium of educators, administrators, and non-

profit professionals in southwest Colorado" to share ideas. About 70 people from Colorado, Utah and New Mexico attended.

"It is important to build, develop and maintain meaningful working relationships with our partner agencies, sharing experiences and discussing ways for improving basic, workplace, and transitional education among rural adults and their families," wrote Ronnie Baker, president of the center's board of directors, in a letter to attendees.

Though the two aren't formally related, PRCLC and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe share a vested interest in adult education. The center is located on the Southern Ute Reservation, but is not a tribal program and often finds fundraising a challenge. The common assumption is that the center doesn't need money; however, being a nonprofit, funding often goes to other educational institutes, mainly K – 12 schools.

In Colorado, the annual cost of educating a student can be as

high as \$12,000; adult education programs, by contrast, might see something like \$361 in funding per student per year.

"Colorado is among of the few states that do not fund adult education," said Scott Baker, program administrator for PRCLC. "The state doesn't contribute monies. It's the grants provided by the federal government that fund adult education in Colorado."

Matters are worse in rural areas like the Southern Ute Reservation and the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation Towaoc, Colo., where students don't have the same opportunities as their counterparts in urban areas.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has been instrumental in serving the population of La Plata County through adult education, catering especially to the two-thirds of people who live outside Durango. Pine River Community Learning Center serves Ignacio, Arboles, Allison, Bayfield, and the surrounding areas.

BGC sets sites on world record



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Jasmine, a member of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, gets amped up with her peers March 22 during an attempt at making history. Hundreds of Boys & Girls Club organizations across the United States set out to break a standing record in the Guinness Book of World Records for people doing jumping jacks at the same time across multiple locations. Acting Chairman Jim Newton Jr. even granted leave for tribal employees to participate in the attempt, which drew 78 participants to the SunUte Community Center gym. It will be several weeks before the club knows whether it set a new record.

Museum opening 2 months away



Spring is on the way, and in less than two months the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum will open to the world. Workers are busy putting the finishing touches on the building that will house much of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's cultural and historical artifacts from over the years. The festivities will start with a dedication for tribal members from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 14; the following Friday, May 20, the museum will host a celebration for dignitaries and donors from 6 to 9 p.m. Finally, the opening for the general public will be a two-day event, from noon to 5 p.m. on May 21 and 22. To prepare for the openings, the museum recently launched a new website with news, photos and exhibit previews at www.succm.org. The site has full details on the museum's construction progress and scheduled openings.

photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM



News in brief

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Free bison meat available to tribal members

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Division of Wildlife Resource Management maintains a small herd of bison for the Tribe's ceremonial, cultural and dietary needs. As a service to the tribal membership, the division makes available bison meat to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members free of charge. Tribal bison are grass-fed at low herd density and are free of artificial hormones and other synthetic chemicals. Bison meat is naturally low in cholesterol and an excellent, healthy alternative to beef. If you are an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member interested in obtaining bison meat for personal use, call the Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130. Quantities and cuts of meat available may be limited.

Tribal offers radon testing

Environmental Programs would like to remind all tribal members that we provide free radon testing for your homes. Many of you have had your home tested by us in the past, but we have new radon monitoring equipment that will give you more accurate and immediate results. The monitor, which is about the size of a shoebox, will need to be placed in your home for 3 days. Please contact Peter Diethrich at 970-563-0315

ext. 2238; pdieth@southern-ute.nsn.us or Mel Baker at 970-563-4710; mjbaker@southern-ute.nsn.us to set up an appointment or to ask questions.

DURANGO

Durango's Lifestyle "Best Places to Live 2011"

Men's Journal hit the newsstand in April with rankings of the "Best Places to Live 2011," and Durango, Colo., found itself at the top of the list for the "Best Place to Put Your Outdoor Life First." Robert Earle Howells unveiled Durango's secrets to the good life in Southwestern Colorado: awe-inspiring scenery, laid-back culture, strong conservation programs, great food and beer, thriving arts, and the ultimate outdoor lifestyle. Howells praises Durango's laid-back, genuine outdoor lifestyle and its trademark natural beauty, noting residents work hard so they can play harder "for the right to live in a place so blessed by geography and sunshine." John Cohen, executive director of the Durango Area Tourism Office, said he's excited that Men's Journal recognized "what residents already admire about our area." In the past, Men's Journal recognized Durango for one of "The 5 Best Train Rides" and a "Perfect Weekend Getaway." For more information, visit www.durango.org or call 800-463-8726.

Many Moons Ago

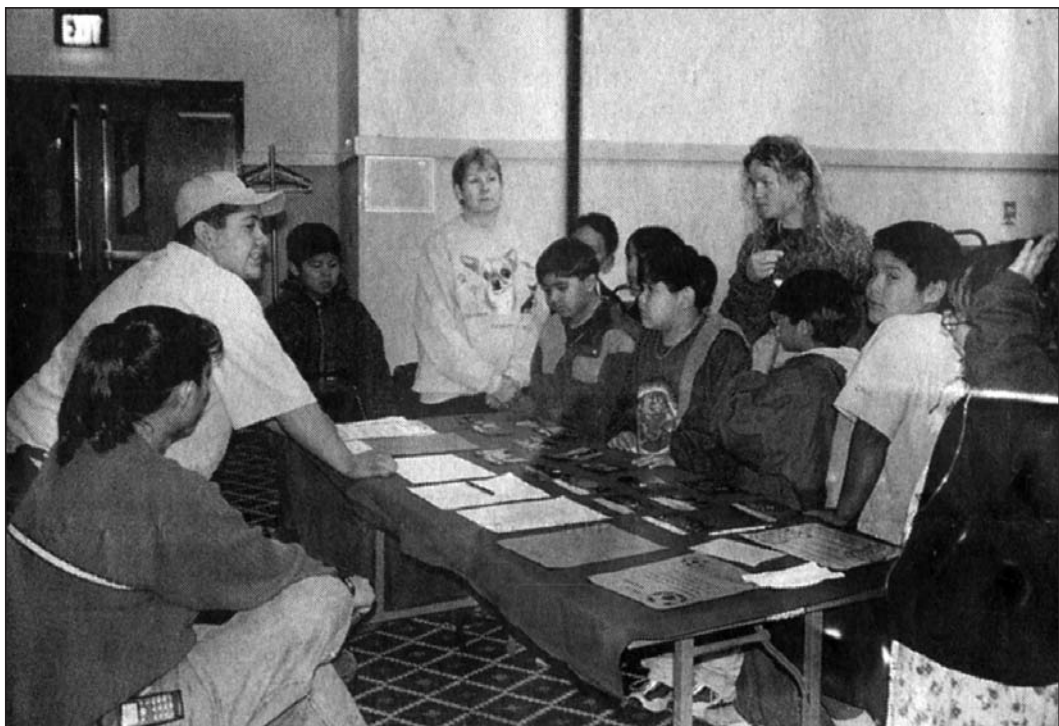


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10 Years Ago

Fourteen Community businesses and organizations and many students from the Southern Ute Indian Academy and the Ignacio School District helped support the annual Nutrition Fair at the Rolling Thunder Hall. The fair was sponsored by the Southern Ute Health Services. Southern Ute Recreation program staffers Robert Lucero and Heather Valenski dispersing information about many activities Recreation was sponsoring during the spring break.

This photo first appeared in the March 25, 2001, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



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20 Years Ago

Councilman Orian Box joined his daughter and several other young people at a powwow in Ignacio at the Sky Ute Lodge Convention Center. People interested in hitting the powwow road could look to the Drum for a schedule of events.

This photo first appeared in the March 22, 1991, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



photo archives/SU DRUM

30 Years Ago

The Southern Ute Committee of Elders general membership held a meeting to discuss concerns of the Bear Dance, Sun Dance, etc. Committee of Elders who were in attendance were, Essie Kent, Jessie Jefferson, Sunshine Smith, Ida Williams, John Carel Williams, Euterpe Taylor, Floy Valdez, Molly Cloud and Julius Cloud. Pictured here, Lori Cloud gave the Lord's Prayer in sign language.

This photo first appeared in the March 27, 1981, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

Annual Spring Clean-Up April 11 – 16

All Tribal Rental Occupants are requested to clean up their residential area and BAG THE TRASH for pick up. Tribal Members please make private arrangements to deliver FURNITURE, MAJOR APPLIANCES, SCRAP METAL, AND LUMBER to the Transfer Station or call Emergency Family Services at 563-0100 Ext. 2329 to be put on the list for pick up. ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE SPECIFIC AREA FOR PICK UP. Elders, and Handicapped Tribal members who may need assistance, Contact Construction Services 970-563-0260. **Contact Mike Mitchell at 970-563-0265 regarding OLD VEHICLES. Please provide title to old vehicles if available.**

- **Monday and Tuesday, April 11, 12 (ALL DAY):** Upper and Lower Tribal and BIA Campus Areas. All Tribal, BIA, IHS, Tribal Enterprises, Head Start and Peaceful Spirit employees are requested to clean up their immediate office building areas. Tribal crews will pick up bagged trash.
- **Wednesday, April 13 (ALL DAY):** All Southern Ute Public Housing and Senior Center residents are requested to clean up their areas. SUPHA home owners and renters, Senior Citizen Center are to contact the Southern Ute Housing Authority at 970-563-4575. Tribal Operations and Construction Services please coordinate with Mike Mitchell or Don Sutton, Ext. 2510 for pick up on Campus, and Cluster sites. Tribal crews will pick up bagged trash.
- **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 14, 15, 16 (ALL DAY):** The following Tribal Depts. will be responsible for trash pickup at the following locations on the above dates: Property & Facilities Department: (Building Maintenance & Motorpool) Tribal homes located North of Hwy 172 and West of the Pine River. Telephone number for Motorpool: 970-563-0280. Building Maintenance 970-563-0265. (Grounds Maintenance 970-563-0272) Tribal homes located at Cedar Point East & West, including Ignacio Peak. Tribal Construction Services: (Woodyard) Tribal homes East of the Pine River, North and South of Hwy 151 to Arboles. Contact Tyson Thompson at 970-563-0260.

TRIBAL ACTIVITIES!

**Every Sunday in March & April
at the Sky Ute Casino Resort
In the John S. Williams Room.
12:00pm-3:30pm**

March:

- 6 Larry Tucker / Bingo
- 13 Flowers
- 20 Show and Tell / Finish Up Projects
- 27 Baby Moccasins / Buffalo Bag

April:

- 3 Finish Up Moccasins and Buffalo Bags
- 10 Beaded Eggs
- 17 Finish Up Beaded Eggs
- 24 Easter -- No Activities

Benda Watts is the facilitator for the Activity Night on Sundays at the casino from 12:3-3:30pm.

All Activity Nights will be in the John S. Williams Room from 12:00-3:30pm. Activities are not sponsored by Sky Ute Casino Resort.

For Additional information please call Dustin Weaver at 563.1759.



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Price retires from Elder Services



Tears and words of thanks filled the Elder Services modular office March 17 during the retirement party for Glenda Price, a 31-year employee of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Acting Chairman Jim Newton asked those in attendance to say a few words, and one by one coworkers, friends and family spoke of the years of service Price rendered to the tribe. One sentiment shared by many was about her ability to speak Ute to the elders, something Price said they "really enjoy." Newton told attendees that Price's retirement should be celebrated, not mourned, as she "will be opening a new chapter in her book of life."

photo Robert Ortiz/SU DRUM

Tribal members discuss Bear Dance concerns

By Suzi Richards
The Southern Ute Drum

A group of Southern Ute tribal members met March 16 at the Multi-purpose Building at Ute Park to discuss the state of the Bear Dance and whether it needs changes.

Some attendees speculated about whether it would be best to replace Matthew Box as Bear Dance chief. They suggested finding someone who knows the old ways, the songs, and who speaks Ute.

"Do we allow this to continue, or do we do something about it?" tribal elder Lynda Grove-D'Wolf said.

Some in the room said they thought it would be good to take Bear Dance off for a year. Others thought there should be a new sub-chief to guide Box in a good way.

"If we don't do anything about it, we will be the ones hurting," said tribal elder Evelyn Hudston. "It's like a circle going around. Never ends."

Box has announced that this year's Bear Dance will take place



photo Suzi Richards/SU DRUM

A group of Southern Ute women met March 16 at the Multi-purpose Building at Ute Park to discuss the Bear Dance, which this year is scheduled for May 27 – 30. Neida Ray, Lynda Grove-D'Wolf, Pearl Casias and Linda Eagle were among the attendees who talked about whether changes are needed.

May 27 – 30. He has named two second chiefs, Jake Ryder and John Chavarillo.

The Bear Dance is a traditional dance showing the younger generation that it's a new life, a new beginning and a new year. It's an important event to the tribal community. The meeting emphasized

to tribal members young and old the importance of looking back at what the elders did in the older days about the Bear Dance.

"We're all different, but were all the same in a way," Samantha Pinnecoose said. "Bear Dance is a part of life and belongs to the Southern Utes."

Seeking Bear Dance feast volunteers

Southern Ute Bear Dance 2011, May 27-30

The Bear Dance chief is asking if anyone is willing to take on the task of being head frybread maker and head stew cook for the Bear Dance feast on Monday, May 30.

If you would like to volunteer, to help with the Bear Dance feast, please contact Andrea Taylor at 970-563-0100 ext. 2250 or Anna-Marie Garcia at 970-563-0100 ext. 2208.



Ute Language

sag'waypüchì - fox
maakwaiÇechì - magpie
yaapøuchì - marmot

Editor's note: The Ute Language and translation are transcribed from the 2000 Ute Dictionary, ©1996.

Look at them paws



photo courtesy Muz Pinnecoose

Muz Pinnecoose, Southern Ute tribal member and Property & Facilities Department Director, displays the fruits of his March 8 hunt: a mountain lion harvested on the east side of the Southern Ute Reservation. Pinnecoose took the lion, which weighed in at 170 pounds and 7 feet, 1 inch long, using a recurve bow without the wheels. He said the kill could qualify for a Pope and Young record for archery. Given the site of the kill, it's unlikely this animal is the one that's been spotted recently near the Pine River.

PowWow Trails

47th Annual Hozhoni Days PowWow

March 25 – 26

Whalen Gym, Fort Lewis College • Durango, CO

Contact: Myra Britton

Phone: 970-247-7221

Email: wanbliota@fortlewis.edu

San Juan College Contest PowWow

April 1 – 2

McGee Park Coliseum off Hwy #64 • Farmington, NM

Contact: Darrell Morris or Cori Mapp

Phone: 505-566-3357

Email: morrisd@sanjuancollege.edu

Web: www.sanjuancollege.edu/pages/3062.asp

University of Arizona Wildcat PowWow

April 1 – 2

1500 E 4th Street (North of the Arizona Stadium) • Tucson, AZ

Contact: Nicole Scott

Email: uawildcatpowwow@gmail.com

Web: wildcatpowwow.wordpress.com

Wellness Healing Skills PowWow

April 5

1465 Rio Rancho Blvd SE • Rio Rancho, NM

Contact: Jaylene Adakai Sanchez

Phone: 505-306-4176

Email: lakchip02@aol.com

19th Annual Spring Contest PowWow

April 16 – 17

CSU Foothills Campus

B.W. Pickett Equine Center • Fort Collins, CO

Phone: 970-498-0290

Email: ncipa@fortnet.org

Web: www.fortnet.org/PowWow/NCIPA_powwow.html



July 10-14, 2011

This year there will be no Native American Indigenous Games (NAIG) for 2011. Instead, Milwaukee, Wisconsin will be hosting a U.S. Indigenous Games. Athletes are only allowed to participate in one of the following sports:

ARCHERY
BASKETBALL
GOLF
SWIMMING
WRESTLING

If there are not enough players signed up for a sport, that sport will be dropped.

For more information and anyone interested in coaching any of these sports please contact Andrea Taylor, Director of Tribal Information Services at 970-563-4702.

Calling Native American athletes.

To be eligible, athletes must be ages of 13 – 19 as of December 31, 2011.

All athletes must provide a birth certificate upon registering.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER
APRIL 2, 2011





The Kidney Corner:

What exactly is diabetes?

By Dr. Mark Saddler
Durango Nephrology Associates

In recent editions of the Kidney Corner, we discussed some of the causes of chronic kidney disease.

For the last couple weeks, we have been dealing with the subject of hypertension, or high blood pressure, as a cause of decreased kidney function.

The most common cause of kidney disease in the United States is diabetes mellitus (usually just referred to as diabetes). This disease is caused by an inadequate amount of, or decreased sensitivity to, insulin, a hormone produced in the pancreas. The result is high blood glucose levels.

Type I diabetes, which typically presents at a young age, is caused by a failure of the pancreas to produce insulin and requires insulin administration from the time of the initial diagnosis.

Type II diabetes, which typically presents in later life, is caused by a failure of the body to respond appropriately to insulin. Both types of diabetes tend to occur in families; Type II diabetes also has a strong association with being overweight.

In fact, many overweight patients who develop diabetes



can control their glucose simply by losing weight and exercising. If this is not successful, the decreased insulin sensitivity can be treated initially with oral medications but may later require the administration of insulin as well.

Diabetes can cause complications in most of the organ systems of the body, including the eyes, kidneys, blood vessels, heart and nerves. The good news is that all of these complications can be prevented or delayed by good control of glucose levels.

Maintaining this control can require considerable motivation and dedication. Glucose levels can be checked at home with a glucometer, a machine that tests the glucose level in a drop of blood from the finger or arm.

Home glucose testing not only detects high glucose levels, but is

also useful for alerting patients to the possibility of glucose levels that are too low, which can also be dangerous. In addition, a blood test done every few months called “Hemoglobin A1c” is very useful since it gives an estimate of the average blood glucose over the last three months.

Diabetes affects the filtering parts of the kidneys (the glomeruli) by causing microscopic scars. The first sign of diabetes affecting the kidney is the appearance of a protein called albumen in the urine. Keeping this urinary protein down to low levels is important and can be done both by tight glucose control and by the use of specific blood pressure medications called ACE inhibitors or ARBs.

Screening for albumen in the urine is done for all diabetic patients so that the earliest evidence of kidney involvement by diabetes can be detected and treated. Unfortunately, as with many causes of kidney disease, once the kidneys start to be affected by diabetes, the chronic kidney disease can be hard to stop, but ACE/ARB medications, in combination with good glucose control and weight loss when appropriate, can be very effective in slowing down the progression of the disease.



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Sam Harrison, (above) an advocate at Southern Ute Montessori Head Start and a facilitator of the Fatherhood is Sacred Program, hands out ballcaps and diplomas to Jimmy Washington, Carlos Brandon Silva, and Bobby Joe Frost, each a graduate of the program, on Monday, March 14. Selma Lang and Carolyne Washington (below) also received diplomas and flowers for their completion of the Motherhood is Sacred Program.

Parenthood program celebrates first graduates

By Oolcu Buckskin
Southern Ute Montessori
Head Start

“The family is the oldest and most important institution in society and is at the heart of the Native American cultures. There is no other work more important than fatherhood and motherhood.” – Albert Poole, Native American Fatherhood & Families Association.

A powerful phrase believed by a powerful heart. This is the philosophy of the Fatherhood/ Motherhood is Sacred Program, which has been an empowering tool for fathers and mothers who are seeking ways to build unity and happiness within their families.

On March 14, 13 participants of the first session of the Fatherhood/ Motherhood is Sacred Program graduated. As the recipients lined up to receive their diplomas, pictures were snapped of proud, smiling faces.

This session met twice a week for six weeks, with either a morning meeting at the SunUte Community Center or an evening meeting at the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start building. The fatherhood program was facilitated by Robert “Dude” Perry, Samuel Harrison, Joe Poynter, and Darrell Clah, and the motherhood program by Angela Diaz, Venessa Carel, Rebecca Barnes and Neida Ray.

Participants of the program



said they got more than they expected.

“I thought there would be a protocol attached to behaving, living: in general, a role-model guide for being a mother. I was wrong. This program was beyond the ‘tunnel vision’ theory, because there was spiritual and emotional insight that applied to the program’s core concepts. [It was] simple and to the point,” said graduate Carolyne Washington. “Without dragging the past into the program, I immediately asserted myself to begin my life from my first class. In doing so, I have come to understand myself, my husband, and my family in general. Plus I know what I want from my life, and it’s not more

money; it’s living my life personally with everyone who is willing to do the same.”

According to the Native American Fatherhood & Families Association, fathers need to be in partnership with mothers to make imperative changes to lead their families on a good path. This is based on true and proven principles. The association’s tactic is to bring back traditional ideas.

“Understanding one’s self-worth and the value they bring to their families will change their very nature, drawing them closer to loved ones,” the association has stated.

“I got in touch with my inner self and spirituality. It really helped me out to have the integrity to play the leadership role within my own family and make better decisions,” said graduate Brian Larry. “I think it can really help Native American fathers who grew up without a father in the house to get in touch with their spiritual self, and to look at themselves as a Native American man and look at leadership as a Native American man.”

Programs like this are very much needed within our communities to help families find a balance. A second session will begin April 7, to be hosted and sponsored by the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start. For more info on future classes, call Rebecca Barnes at 970-563-4566 ex. 13.

Fatherhood/Motherhood is Sacred™

Dear Head Start and Early Head Start Parents,

We are now accepting participants for our next Fatherhood/Motherhood is Sacred classes, beginning Thursday, April 7 and running every Thursday for 12 weeks (ending on June 23).

The Fatherhood/Motherhood is Sacred program recognizes that “The family is the oldest and most important institution in society and is at the heart of the Native American culture. There is no other work more important than fatherhood and motherhood.” Our approach uses a culturally rich model to help Fathers and Mothers to become loving and devoted parents, to create change and to build safe and happy families. While the program is based on Native American culture and wisdom, Fathers and Mothers of all cultures and ethnicities are welcome and invited to participate. To Sign Up, please contact Rebecca Barnes at 970-563-4566 ext. 13, or rbarnes@sucap.org. Class times are listed below.

Motherhood is Sacred: Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Fatherhood is Sacred: Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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Vets return to San Juan



Vietnam veteran Floyd Morris of Cortez, Colo., talks with Bruce Smith of the Veterans Transition Program, which aims to help combat veterans return to civilian life, during the second annual Veterans Seminar Thursday, March 17 at San Juan College in Farmington, N.M. College financial aid advisors Adela Bob and Bernice Gonzalez helped to coordinate the informational fair and program.

photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM



Notice of Intent to Amend the BLM Grand Junction Resource Management Plan, Prepare an Environmental Assessment, and Notice of Realty Action

SUMMARY: The Grand Junction, Colorado, Regional Airport Authority has requested the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Grand Junction Field Office (GJFO) to consider the transfer of title to approximately 720 acres of public land for airport improvements, including relocation and construction of the main runway for the Grand Junction Regional Airport. Public Land Order No. 7027 (59 FR 3000 January 20, 1994) withdrew these lands from mining claim location in anticipation of a need for future airport expansion. The BLM consideration of the Airport's request initiates a BLM Notice of Intent (NOI) to initiate a public scoping process to amend the BLM GJFO 1987 Resource Management Plan (RMP) and prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA). The request also initiates a Notice of Realty Action (NORA), to assist the BLM in determining whether granting the requested title conveyance is consistent with the needs of the Department of the Interior, in accordance with 43 CFR 2641.2(a). An NOI/NORA for this project was published in the Federal Register on January 13, 2011. This notice initiates the public scoping process and concurrent opportunity for submission of public comments for the EA, RMP amendment and NORA.

DATES: Comments on this project, the NORA, or the proposed transfer of title to the Airport Authority may be submitted in writing until May 20th, 2011. A public scoping meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5th, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel in Grand Junction. The meeting will utilize an open house format with representatives from the BLM, the FAA, the Airport and the consulting team available to answer questions.

ADDRESSES: Written comments can be sent to Robin Lacy, BLM Grand Junction Field Office, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506, or via email to rlacy@blm.gov. Please note Airport Land Transfer in the subject line of the email. Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the BLM GJFO, during regular business hours 7:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday except holidays. Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information and/or to have your name added to our mailing list contact Robin Lacy at (970) 244-3028. Project documents may be reviewed on the BLM GJFO Web site at <http://www.blm.gov/co/st/en/fo/gjfo>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the public scoping process is to identify those issues that should be considered in the EA and to initiate public participation in the planning process. BLM and Airport Authority personnel will be present at scoping meetings to explain the proposed action and other requirements for preparing the EA. Interested parties can request notification of any encumbrances or other claims relating to the land. Customary Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) conditions, in draft, that would be proposed to be included in a land patent from the United States to the Airport Authority will also be available for review. The public lands requested for title transfer are within the jurisdiction of the BLM GJFO adjacent to the Grand Junction Regional Airport in the North Desert and are described as follows:

Ute Principal Meridian

T.1N.,R.1W., sec. 23, S1/2NE1/4; sec. 24, S1/2NE1/4, N1/2SE1/4 and SE1/4SE1/4;

T.1N.,R.1E., sec. 19, lots 3 and 4, and E1/2SW1/4; sec. 29, SW1/4NW1/4; sec. 30, lot 1, NE1/4, and NE1/4NW1/4.

The areas described contain approximately 720 acres in Mesa County.

These are public lands administered by the BLM GJFO and do not include any private, State, tribal trust or Federal lands not administered by the BLM.

The EA will fulfill the needs and obligations set forth by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and associated Council of Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR Part 1500). The EA will also fulfill requirements of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA: 43 U.S.C. 1701), Section 516 of the Airport and Airway Improvement Act of 1982 (49 U.S.C. 2215), airport grant regulations at 43 CFR Part 2640, applicable planning regulations at 43 CFR 1600, and BLM management policies.

The purpose of the proposed land title transfer from the United States to the Airport Authority is to fulfill the BLM's intent to make such lands available to the Airport Authority for a beneficial public use as described in the 1991 Memorandum of Understanding between the BLM and the Airport Authority. As authorized through the

FLPMA, these lands will also be considered for title transfer to the Airport Authority in an amendment to the Grand Junction RMP. The BLM will determine whether or not to transfer title to the lands based on the EA, and the assessed environmental impacts of transferring title to the lands.

The purpose of the runway relocation is to comply with the FAA design standards by correcting deficiencies related to runway and taxiway gradients, and to eliminate intersecting runways at the airport. The need for the proposed runway relocation is to increase safety at the Grand Junction Regional Airport, which is one of the few commercial service airports in the State of Colorado that still has a geometric runway layout consisting of an intersecting crosswind runway. The runway intersection increases the potential for runway incursions, which are defined by the FAA as "any occurrence at an aerodrome involving the incorrect presence of an aircraft, vehicle or person on the protected area of a surface designated for the landing and takeoff of aircraft." Increasing runway safety has been made a high priority in recent years and the FAA has published guidance on improving runway safety through airfield configuration. Also, several design components of the runway at Grand Junction Regional Airport do not meet the FAA design standards, including the following:

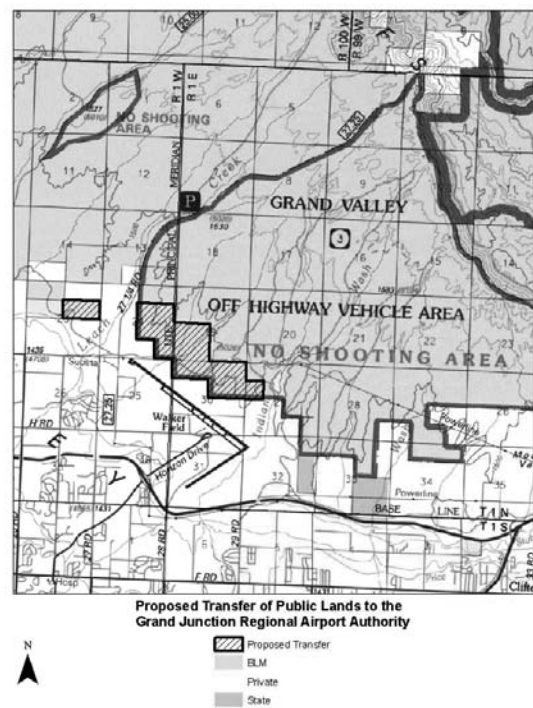
- Runway 11/29 Transverse Gradient. Portions of the runway exceed the maximum recommended design standard of 1.5 percent.
- Runway 11/29 Longitudinal Gradient. A portion of the runway near the approach end of Runway 29 exceeds the maximum recommended design standard of 0.8 percent.
- Runway 11/29 Connecting Taxiway Gradient. A number of the connecting taxiways between Runway 11/29 and parallel Taxiway "A" exceed the maximum recommended design standard of 1.5 percent.
- Runway 11/29 and Runway 4/22 Runway Visibility Zone (RVZ). Numerous structures obstruct line of sight between runway mid-points.

The BLM seeks resource information and data for other public land values [i.e., air quality, cultural and historic resources, fire and fuels, fisheries, forestry, lands and realty, non-energy minerals and geology, oil and gas (including coalbed methane), paleontology, rangeland management, recreation, soil, water, and wildlife] in the BLM GJFO planning area. The purpose of this request is to assure that the planning effort has sufficient information and data to consider a reasonable range of resource uses, management options, and alternatives, for the public lands involved. BLM draft planning criteria is also available for review at the Grand Junction Field Office.

Proprietary data marked as confidential may be submitted in response to this call for coal, oil and gas, and other resource information. Please submit all proprietary information submissions to the address listed above. The BLM will treat submissions marked as "Confidential" in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the confidentiality of such information.

The BLM GJFO will work collaboratively with interested parties to identify the management actions and decisions that are best suited to local, regional, and national needs. Potential issues that have been identified to date include, but are not limited to the following general categories: wildlife (including birds); vegetation (including weeds and invasive plant species); threatened, endangered, and sensitive species; public access; visual concerns; cultural resources; tribal concerns; rangeland resources; geology and soils; hydrology; recreation resources; hazardous materials; air quality; noise; and socio-economics. The BLM has established a 45-day scoping period during which affected tribes, landowners, concerned citizens, special interest groups, local governments, and any other interested parties are invited to comment on the scope of the EA. Scoping will help the BLM identify the full range of issues that should be addressed in the EA.

AUTHORITY: Airport and Airway Improvement Act of September 3, 1982 (49 U.S.C. 4761, 49 U.S.C. 47101 et seq.), 43 CFR 2640.

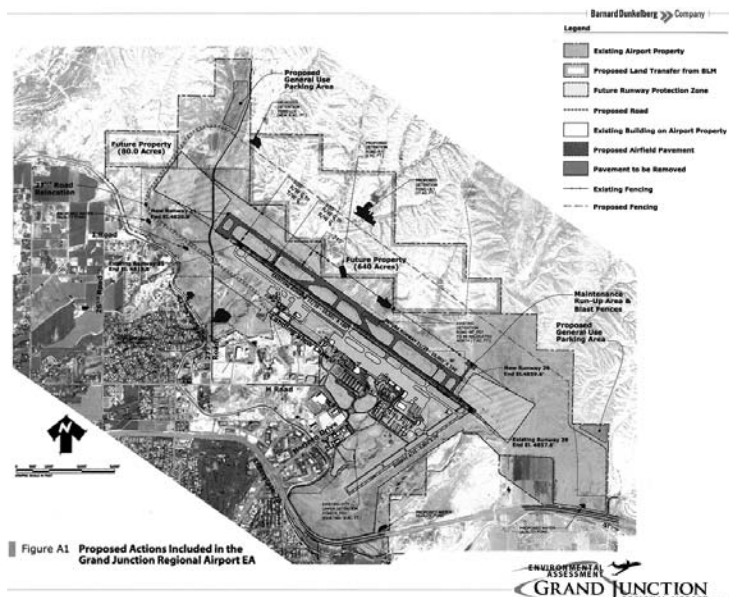


Bureau of Land Management & Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority to Host Agency Scoping Meeting for Proposed Land Transfer and Runway Project

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Grand Junction Field Office (GJFO), and the Grand Junction Regional Airport Authority (Airport) will host an agency scoping meeting on Tuesday, April 5, 2011, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel in Grand Junction. This meeting will solicit agency comments and concerns on a proposed transfer of public land from BLM to the Airport Authority and the relocation of Runway 11/29. (A public scoping meeting will be held the same day beginning at 6:00 p.m.).

Agency comments will assist with the required Environmental Assessment (EA) of the proposed actions in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The meeting will begin with a short presentation by the consultant team and will then be opened for questions and discussion following the presentation. The proposed project involves the following separate actions by the BLM and the Airport. The enclosed Notice of Intent and Notice of Realty Action provides additional information on the project.

BLM: The BLM is considering a request from the Airport to transfer title to 720 acres of public land for an airport improvement project described in the Airport actions below. The requested lands are located north and adjacent to airport property (see the enclosed maps). An EA is being prepared to assess the environmental effects of the proposed land transfer, as well as an amendment to the BLM GJFO 1987 Resource Management



Plan (RMP) to identify the requested lands as suitable for disposal to the Airport.

Airport: The Airport Authority has requested the proposed land transfer as part of a plan to correct deficiencies in runway and taxiway gradients associated with the primary runway, Runway 11/29, and to eliminate intersecting runways to improve safety. The proposed land transfer would allow a new replacement primary runway to be built 650 feet north of the existing runway, making it possible for the Airport to stay open during construction. The project would also include the relocation of a portion of 27th Road, conversion of the existing Runway 11/29 to a taxiway, construction of various detention ponds, water quality ponds and culverts, installation/relocation of navigational aids, visual aids, and runway lighting, installation/relocation of taxiway lighting, construction of airport perimeter fencing, removal of existing sections of pavement no longer

required and the relocation of the aircraft maintenance run-up area. See the enclosed Proposed Actions Map for details.

The BLM and the Airport will accept comments on the proposed actions through May 20, 2011. Agencies are also asked to comment on other values of the land considered for transfer including resource uses, management options and alternatives. Primary public use now includes a variety of recreational activities, one nonproducing gas well and a power line right of way. The draft planning criteria is also available at the GJFO.

Comments can be sent to Robin Lacy, BLM GJFO, 2815 H Road, Grand Junction, CO 81506, or via email to Robin_Lacy@blm.gov. Please note "Airport Land Transfer" in the subject line of emails. Please identify the specific action to which your comments pertain, i.e., BLM or Airport.

For more information contact BLM Visitors Information Services at 970 244-3000.

Utilities Division Solid Waste Transfer Station Hours

Effective Monday, March 28, 2011

Monday thru Friday: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

See SkyUteCasino.com for all gaming promotions & entertainment information!

\$50,000 HOT CASH GIVEAWAY

April 1 - June 4, 2011

Be sure to play with your Bear Club Card for your chance at a share of \$50,000 to be given away throughout the months of April and May! Drawings will be held every Saturday at 9 p.m. and as the prize money increases throughout the month so will the amount of days you have to earn entries. In order to give everyone a better chance to win we will discard all entries after the Saturday drawings each week and start with an empty drum for the following week. Please see the Player's Center for full details.

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Bear Club

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SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

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Kids explore Little Shop of Physics



Colorado State University's traveling Little Shop of Physics made its annual appearance in Ignacio March 17 at the Southern Ute Education Building, led by Brian Jones, instructional lab coordinator of physics. Elementary students (left) hold magnets to a television screen, making images in the "Rainbow Vision" project. The television is firing electrons from the back of the TV to the front; since electrons are charged particles, they react to the magnets. Jace Carmenoros (above) is working the "Jupiter Jar," named after images of the planet. The round cover for a light fixture is filled with pearlized hand soap, water and food coloring. When the jar spins, turbulence and storm-like behavior in the jar can be seen.

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New bus makes first trip



The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy's brand-new bus undertook its maiden voyage March 22 during a field trip for primary students to the Durango Discovery Museum. The new bus includes a mechanical platform at the back that can be used to move students with disabilities to and from the bus. Academy bus driver Jeremy Rima drove the new vehicle from Denver the evening before the field trip.

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Southern Ute Head Start and Early Head Start Community Survey

In the interest of providing better services to children and families in our community, the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start and Early Head Start program is requesting your input. Please visit www.sucap.org and follow the link to the Head Start Community survey. The survey will be open until March 31. In the meantime, if there are questions, please contact Elaine Wasserbach at 970-563-4517 ext. 102 or ewasserbach@sucap.org. SUCAP thanks you for your feedback!

BGC leader to compete at state



photo Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

Kree Lopez, the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's leader of the year, received a festive sendoff March 22 in the SunUte Community Center gym before her trip to Denver. Lopez will represent her club in the state capital in this year's state youth of the year competition. Members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council and the Ignacio community honored Lopez for her service.

Education update

Nominations for annual Elbert J. Floyd Award

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are:

- A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- Deserving
- A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program
- Interested in continuing his or her education
- Interested in serving the Tribe and the community
- Approved by the Department of Education
- An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person.

Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 6 and shall state the basis for the nomination. For more information call Ellen at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793. The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Indian student.

Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce GED test dates on April 8, May 6, June 3 and July 8. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Higher Education Building. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call the Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953.





2011 - 2012 Southern Ute Indian Reservation Fishing Proclamation

SOUTHERN UTE FISHING PERMIT VENDORS

- Southern Ute Indian Tribe Division of Wildlife Resource Management: 970-563-0130
- Sky Ute Casino – Gift Shop: 970-563-6269
- Thriftway: 970-563-9456
- Durangers: 970-385-4081
- ZIA Sporting Goods: 505-327-6004
- Float’N Fish: 505-632-5385
- Lake Capote:970-883-2273

WHAT’S NEW FOR 2011-2012

Bag Limit Changes: There is no bag or possession limit for channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, yellow perch and crappie in streams/tributaries that cross the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. This new regulation provides protection for native fish. These fish still have bag/possession limits when fishing at Pastorius and Navajo Reservoirs. Limits at Lake Capote are different.

Permit Fee increases: Permit fees have changed: 2-Day, 5-Day and Season permit fees and replacement fees have increased for non-member anglers, both juveniles and adults. Please see new non-Tribal permit fees on page 4.

Aquatic Nuisance Species Alert: Colorado’s aquatic ecosystem and fisheries are threatened by several imported diseases, animals and plants, including Zebra and Quagga mussels, New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS), and Eurasian watermilfoil. Don’t let these ruin your fishing trip. Anglers are asked to help control the spread of these pests and prevent new species from entering the reservation.

SEASON DATES

Southern Ute Tribal streams are open to fishing year-round. Season fishing permits are valid from January 1 through December 31, each year.

STREAM FISHING PERMITS

Southern Ute Tribal Members: Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal members, both juveniles and adults, must have in their possession a Southern Ute Fishing Permit when fishing on the Southern Ute Reservation. No State fishing permit is required, and a Tribal permit allows a Tribal member to take game fish from all waters within the exterior Reservation boundary. See Stream Access for specific restrictions regarding access on Tribal assignments, allotments and private property. A Tribal member stream fishing permit is issued free of charge and is valid for the calendar year in which it is issued. A Tribal member must show proof of enrollment by presenting his or her Tribal census card.

Southern Ute Member – Senior Fishing Permit: Southern Ute Tribal members age 55 or over may receive a lifetime stream fishing permit through the Wildlife Division. A Tribal member Senior Fishing Permit is issued free of charge and is a lifetime permit. A Tribal member must show proof of enrollment and age by presenting his or her Tribal census card.

Non-Tribal Members: All non-Tribal members must obtain a Tribal stream fishing permit to fish on designated Tribal waters. A Colorado State fishing license is not required to fish on Tribal waters but is required to fish on private property and public waters (i.e. Navajo and Pastorius Reservoir) within the Reservation boundaries. See Stream Access for the list of designated waters and specific restrictions regarding access on Tribal assignments, allotments and private property.

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NON-TRIBAL MEMBER PERMITS AND FEES			
Age	2-Day	5-Day	Season
Juvenile (12 & under)	\$10	\$15	\$30
Adult (13 & over)	\$20	\$25	\$50
2-day Access Permit	\$5	n/a	n/a

Required for any non-fishing adult (13 & over) wishing to accompany a non-member fisherman on designated Tribal waters.

Permit Replacement: \$5, All non-Tribal fishermen needing to replace lost or damaged fishing permits can purchase duplicates at the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Office.

STREAM ACCESS

For purposes of stream access for fishing, lands within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation are divided into two categories: (1) Tribal trust lands, and (2) allotted and private lands. The Tribe has adopted a policy that allows for open fishing access on Tribal trust lands. Provisions for fishing on these lands are similar for Southern Ute Tribal members and permitted non-members, but not identical. These provisions are further explained below. Allotted and private lands are private property, and permission to fish at these locations must always first be obtained from the landowner. It is the fisherman’s responsibility to know where allotted and private lands occur.

Access For Permitted Non-Tribal Members: Fishing by permitted non-Tribal members is allowed on the Animas, Los Piños, Piedra and San Juan Rivers through designated access points (see Designated Waters and maps). Fishermen must use the access points identified on the maps to enter and exit stream corridors, which are located only on Tribal trust lands. Fishermen may move up or down the stream corridors without securing additional permission, but may not continue on to allotted or private lands unless authorized by the landowner. The stream corridor is bound by a 5-foot distance from the edge of the water on both sides of the stream, provided, however, fishermen may depart from this corridor only to the extent necessary to avoid a barrier located within the corridor. Use of designated access points and stream corridors is allowed for fishing only.

Access For Southern Ute Tribal Members: Fishing by Southern Ute Tribal members is allowed along all waters on all Tribal trust lands on the Reservation. For fishing on unassigned Tribal lands, Tribal member fishermen are not restricted to access

points and stream corridors. However, to fish on assigned Tribal lands, Tribal members must use the designated access points and stream corridors as described above for non-Tribal members. Tribal member fishermen are responsible for knowing where Tribal land assignments occur, and fishing is the only activity allowed while accessing Tribal land assignments. All fishermen are asked to respect Tribal land! Do not litter, cut fences, leave gates open, drive or park in undeveloped areas, or engage in any un-authorized, non-fishing activities. Always remain within the specified stream corridor unless there is an emergency, never trespass on private property and contact the appropriate authorities if you see violations being committed. Activities by non-Tribal members other than fishing are strictly prohibited and violators will be prosecuted. Fishing on Tribal land is a special privilege granted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Following the rules and showing respect for the land will ensure that this privilege continues.

FISHING REGULATIONS

All regulations in this section, unless otherwise specified, apply to all fishermen on the Southern Ute Reservation. Also, regulations generally apply to all waters of the reservation, but some exceptions apply specifically for Lake Capote. These regulations are strictly enforced and violators will be subject to fines, seizure of equipment, and/or loss of fishing privileges, per Southern Ute Tribal law. Individuals witnessing a violation are strongly encouraged to report the violation to the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife at 970-563-0130 or Southern Ute law enforcement dispatch at 970-563-4401.

Bag and Possession Limits: The daily bag limit is the maximum number of game fish you can take in one day. The possession limit is the maximum number of game fish you can have in possession at any one time, including in your creel, ice chest, vehicle or home. Game fish caught and not immediately returned to the water are counted in the daily bag and possession limit. The following tables specify daily bag and possession limits for game fish found on the Southern Ute Reservation. See the Animas River Special Waters section for special bag and possession limits on a portion of the Animas River.

DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS FOR STREAMS AND TRIBUTARIES			
Game Fish	Juvenile (12 & under)	Adult (13 & over)	
Trout: rainbow, brown, cutthroat¹	Tribal member-2 Non-member-2	Tribal member-4 Non-member-2	
Kokanee salmon	5	10	
All warm-waterspecies²		Unlimited	

¹ Limits on trout may consist of one species or a mix of more than one species.

² The following fish species are unlimited for bag and possession within streams and tributaries: channel catfish, largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, northern pike, walleye, green sunfish, bluegill, bullhead, common carp, yellow perch, crappie and white sucker. If you are uncertain about a species of fish you have caught, it should be released unharmed where it was caught.

DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION LIMITS FOR NAVAJO AND PASTORIUS RESERVOIRS Tribal Member Anglers Only Non-members must follow State Limits			
Game Fish	Juvenile (12 & under)	Adult (13 & over)	
Trout: rainbow, brown, cutthroat¹	2	4	
Smallmouth bass	5	5	
Kokanee salmon	5	10	
Channel catfish	5	10	
Largemouth bass	5	10	
Bluegill	5	10	
White crappie	10	20	
Northern pike, Black bullhead, Yellow perch, Green sunfish: Unlimited			

Protected Species: Roundtail chub, flannelmouth sucker and bluehead sucker are rare native fish of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, and are protected from take. If caught while fishing, these species must be immediately returned to the water unharmed. It is unlawful to have these species in your possession.



Roundtail Chub - Gila robusta



Flannelmouth Sucker - Catostomus latipinnis



Bluehead Sucker - Catostomus discobolus

Permitted Angling Methods: Game fish may be taken by hook and line only. For bait fishing, one line may be used with up to two single baited hooks attached. For lure fishing, one line may be used with one artificial lure attached. Artificial lures may have up to two hooks (single, double or treble) attached. For fly fishing, one line may be

used with up to two flies attached.

Legal Hours of Take: With the exception of Lake Capote, fishing may occur 24 hours a day. Fishing hours for Lake Capote will be posted on site.

Salmon Snagging: Snagging, or using hooked devices to snag fish in parts of their bodies other than the mouth, is only allowed for Kokanee salmon on the Los Piños, Piedra and San Juan Rivers during the months of October, November and December. Standard salmon bag limits and gear restrictions for lure fishing apply to snagging. Southern Ute Tribal Members are further allowed to snag salmon in tributaries of the Los Piños River during the same period.

General Restrictions:

Fishing Duration. All fishermen must discontinue fishing when the legal bag or possession limit is met.

Fishing Pole Attendance. Fishermen must attend their fishing pole (be within 50 feet) at all times.

Bait. Use of any live, dead or parts of fish or amphibians as bait is prohibited in all Reservation waters. Non-fish and amphibian baits such as worms, insects, crayfish, vegetable matter, artificial salmon eggs and Power Bait are permitted except where special regulations are in place.

Minnows. Unless authorized by the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife, it is unlawful to take, possess, transport or sell minnows on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

Chumming. Chumming, or placing in the water any type of fish attractant for the purpose of catching fish, is prohibited in all Tribal waters. Chumming does not include the use of bait, lures and flies as specified in the Permitted Angling Methods section.

Planting Fish. Unless authorized by the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife, it is unlawful to release or move into Tribal waters any fish from aquariums, fish ponds, bait buckets or any other external fish source.

Illegal Fishing Gear/Methods. Use of the following gear or methods to catch fish is prohibited on all Tribal waters: all net types (except for hand-held nets used to land hooked fish), trotlines, traps, explosives, poisons, guns or any other gear or method not specified in the Permitted Angling Methods section.

Private Property. It is unlawful to fish on private property without first obtaining permission from the property owner. Private property includes Tribal allotments, but not Tribal land assignments. Not all private property is posted, and it is the fisherman’s responsibility to know when and where access permission is needed.

Boating. Recreational boaters (private and commercial) are allowed to float through Tribal portions of navigable rivers that traverse the Southern Ute Reservation, including the Animas River and San Juan River above Navajo Reservoir. However, unless specifically authorized by the Tribe, launching, loading and taking out boats is not allowed on any Tribal lands. The only exception to this rule is that fishermen who have a valid Tribal fishing permit and who are engaged in fishing may put-in or take-out small, portable craft on Tribal lands. Portable craft are those that can be carried by hand to and from the river, but do not include boats that must be trailered into or out of the river.

Guiding and Outfitting. Guiding and outfitting by non-Tribal members is not permitted on any Tribal waters. Only specially permitted Tribal member guides and outfitters may offer this service. For more information on available guides and outfitters, or permitting for Tribal members, contact the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife.

Animas River Special Waters: The Animas River between the northern Reservation boundary and Weasleskin Bridge is managed for trophy trout fishing. This stretch of water has special regulations as follows:

- Artificial flies and lures only with barbless hooks. Absolutely NO bait fishing allowed in this section.
- Two (2) trout bag and possession limit, with each fish measuring 16” or greater in total length. All trout under 16” must be immediately returned to the water.

RESTRICTIONS WHILE ON TRIBAL LANDS

All Fishermen

No removing/disturbing artifacts; No alcohol/illegal drug use; No off-road vehicle use; No firearms; No littering

Additional Restrictions for Non-Tribal Members

No camping; No dogs

Designated Tribal Waters: The following waters are designated as open to non-Tribal member fishing: the Tribal portions of the Animas, Los Piños, Piedra and San Juan Rivers. Please refer to the maps provided to help identify Tribal and non-Tribal portions of these rivers. All waters except those listed above, including the La Plata, Navajo and Florida Rivers, all creeks and all irrigation canals, are closed to non-Tribal member fishing.

LAKE CAPOTE RECREATION AREA

398 Highway 151, Pagosa Springs, CO 81147
Phone: 970-883-2273; Fax: 970-883-2653

Lake manager email: capote_lake@southern-ute.nsn.us

Lake Capote is a Tribally owned fishing lake open to the public from mid-April through the beginning of October (the schedule varies, so please call for a current update). The lake is stocked with rainbow and brown trout, largemouth bass and channel catfish. Lake Capote offers 10 RV sites with electric and water hook-ups and 30 camping sites. In addition, Lake Capote also offers food concessions, fishing supplies, row-boat rentals, a volleyball court, barbecue grills, shade structures, a bathhouse and picnic tables.

Lake Capote Fishing Permits: Colorado State fishing permits and Southern Ute stream permits are NOT valid to fish at Lake Capote. Lake Capote daily fishing permits must be obtained at the Bait & Concessions Store between the hours of 8 am and 6 pm. Anglers wanting to fish before or after these hours are required to self-permit and deposit fees at the self check-in station located on the front of the Bait Shop. Permits are only valid for the date of purchase. Southern Ute Stream Permits are also available for purchase at Lake Capote.

Southern Ute Tribal Members: Southern Ute Tribal members are issued daily fishing permits free-of-charge but need to purchase a Derby permit to participate in the fishing derby.

Derby Permits: Lake Capote is stocked with tagged fish redeemable for cash prizes totaling \$3,000 in prize money. Participation in the DERBY requires a separate daily DERBY permit.

Watercraft: Privately owned boats, float-tubes, kayaks, etc. may be launched. Any motorized watercraft may only use electric motors. Watercraft MUST be inspected by a Lake employee for Zebra & Quagga mussels before launch into the lake. For current information regarding the Lake Capote schedule, fees, events, and activities, please call the facility or visit the Division of Wildlife’s website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/WRMweb.

LAKE CAPOTE FISHING REGULATIONS

- No fishing without a permit.
- Fishing is permitted from sunrise to sunset.
- One pole per angler.
- No live bait (worms & night crawlers allowed).
- Bag Limits per angler:

	Youth (15 & under)	Adult (16 & over)
Game Fish		
*Trout; rainbow brown	2-under 16”	3-under 16”
*All trout over sixteen inches are catch and release only.		
Largemouth bass:	1-any size	
Channel catfish:	1-any size	

CATCH AND RELEASE

Catch and release is an important approach to fishing that many anglers voluntarily practice. Not all fish that you catch need to be kept. In fact, the more fish put back in the river, the more fishing time you’ll have and the more fish will be available for others to enjoy. Most of the time, if a fish is caught, handled properly, and then released, it will survive to be caught another day. Here are some important things to remember when practicing catch and release:

- Do not play any hooked fish to total exhaustion.
- Keep the fish in the water as much as possible while handling it.
- Gently remove the hook without squeezing the fish or touching its gills. (Barbless hooks make hook removal much easier.)
- If the hook is deeply swallowed, do not pull it out. Instead, cut the line as short as possible so the hook may dissolve inside the fish.
- Allow an exhausted fish to recover before releasing it. Gently hold the fish in moving water, facing it upstream until it swims away.

AQUATIC NUISANCE SPECIES

Colorado’s aquatic ecosystem and fisheries are threatened by several imported diseases, animals and plants, including Zebra and Quagga mussels, New Zealand mudsnails, whirling disease, viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) and Eurasian watermilfoil. Don’t let these ruin your fishing trip. Anglers are asked to follow these guidelines to help control the spread of these pests and prevent new species from entering our Reservation:

- Remove all plants, animals or mud, and thoroughly wash boats, trailers, waders and equipment that have come in contact with the water before leaving a lake or stream.
- Drain water from boats, including live wells, bilge, ballast, storage areas or any other place on boats or equipment that might hold water.
- Allow boats, engines, boots and gear to dry completely before moving to another body of water.
- If draining and drying are not possible, wash boats, trailers and equipment carefully and completely with high-pressure hot water (140° F).
- Don’t move or transport fish between waters. This can spread diseases and nuisance species.
- Don’t dispose of fish entrails or other byproducts into any body of water.
- For general disinfection, soak/treat equipment and waders for 15 minutes with a bleach solution (6 oz. household bleach per 5 gal. water), a solution of Sparquat 256 (4 oz. per 1 gal. water) or a solution of potassium chloride (1 tsp per 2 gal. Water).

Go to the “Invasive Species” section on the DOW Web Site at www.wildlife.state.co.us/WildlifeSpecies/Profiles/ for more information.

AUTHORITY

These fishing regulations are approved by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council under authority as outlined in Title 13, Article 1, Section 13-1-106, Subsections (1) through (3); Article 2, Section 13-2-101 and 13-2-102, of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code revised and amended by Tribal Resolutions No’s. 1989-34, 2001-69, and 2002-215. Adopted March 8, 2011.

SOUTHERN UTE FISHING VIOLATIONS

Following are Tribal fishing-related violations, and associated civil penalties, that would-be offenders should be aware of. In addition to civil penalties, offenders may be assessed penalty points that may lead to the revocation or suspension of hunting and fishing privileges on the Reservation.

COMMON FISHING-RELATED VIOLATIONS	Civil Penalties
Hunting, fishing or trapping without required permit or tag (13-3-111)	\$150
Using Nets, trotlines or traps (13-3-128)	\$250
Taking undersized fish (13-3-136)	\$50
Guiding or outfitting offenses (13-3-105)	\$2,500
Accessing a stream for fishing and fishing outside designated access and fishing easements (13-3-110)	\$150



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Dancing and celebrating,

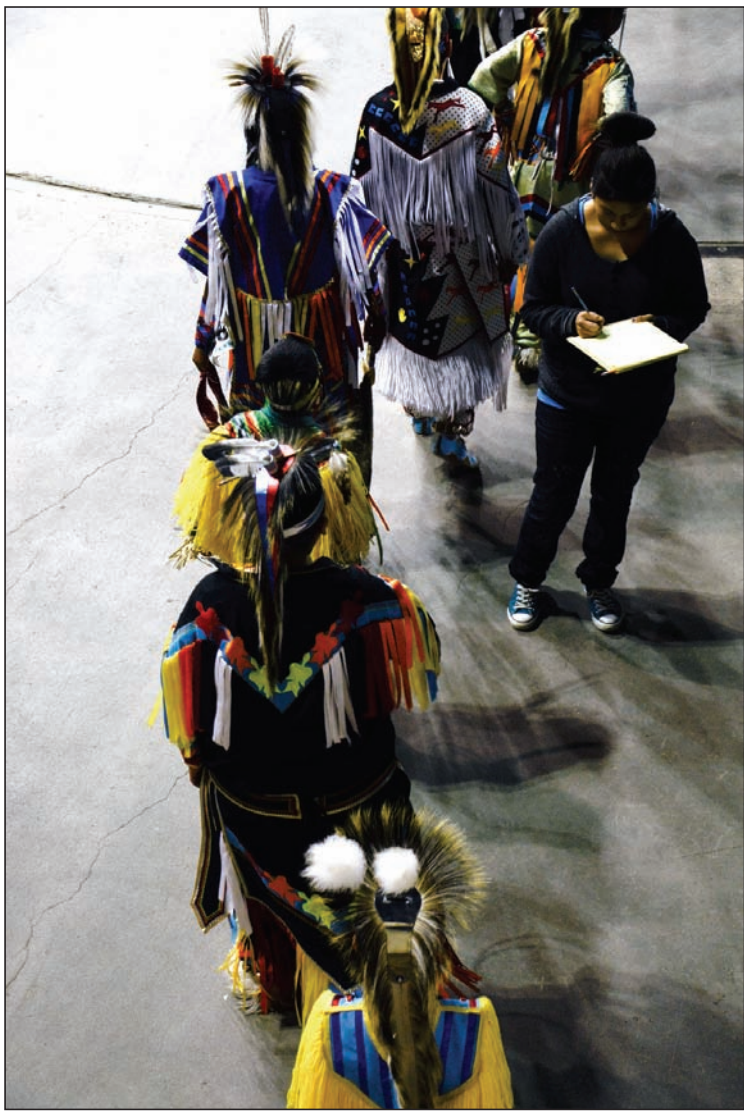


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Southern Ute Royalty members represented their tribe with grace and honor at the 37th annual Denver March PowWow, which took place March 18 – 20 at the Denver Coliseum. They joined representatives from hundreds of other tribes across the United States in celebrating the unique heritage of Native American people. The powwow featured three days of singing, dancing, grand entries, native food, and other festivities.



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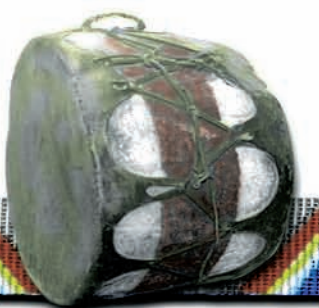


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Denver March PowWow



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Veterans played a large role in this year's Denver March PowWow, the 37th annual, which took place at the Denver Coliseum March 18 – 20. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's own warriors participated in flag ceremonies during the grand entry on the evening of March 19. Many Southern Ute tribal members made the trip from Ignacio and elsewhere to celebrate with family and make new friends during the celebration, which historically has been one of the first major national powwows of the year.



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SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL SEEKS GENERAL MANAGER FOR SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking qualified enrolled Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member applicants for the position of General Manager of the Sky Ute Casino Resort (Casino). The successful candidate shall serve as the General Manager and shall be responsible for the overall day-to-day operations of the entire Casino, including, but not limited to, all gaming operations, surveillance, hotel/salon/retail outlets, RV park, operations (Facilities, Purchasing, Transportation), food & beverage outlets and administration (accounting, human resources, marketing, information technology, security). The General Manager shall be responsible for oversight and administration of the Casino's personnel and shall serve as the chief administrative officer of the Casino. The General Manager is subject to the supervision, direction and oversight of the Tribal Council and must manage the Casino's operations in accordance with all applicable laws, policies, rules, and regulations, including, but not limited to, the Tribe's gaming and other codes, regulations of the Southern Ute Division of Gaming, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe-State of Colorado Gaming Compact and, where applicable, regulations of the National Indian Gaming Commission, among others. The Tribal Council is seeking enrolled SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY and all interested and qualified Southern Ute Tribal Members are encouraged to apply with the Casino's Human Resources Department BY APRIL 1, 2011.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

Administers and supervises all Casino operations and facilities, including gaming and non-gaming aspects as well as administrative and operational departments and divisions. Ensures compliance with all applicable laws, policies, rules, regulations, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe-State of Colorado Gaming Compact, and procedures to ensure the highest gaming integrity and success of the operation. Supervises the Casino Executive Team, including CFO/Controller, HR Director, Director of Marketing and Director of Operations. Reviews gaming, revenue and departmental statistical and financial data for fluctuations, trends and other issues; manages and administers the Casino's operations to maximize revenues, minimize expenses and carry out the directives of the Tribal Council. Oversees and administers the marketing of the Casino for future growth and profitability, including, but not limited to ensuring appropriate promotion to develop new markets, increasing market share, and obtaining/maintaining competitive position in the market area. Develops, implements and complies with long and short-term strategic plans for the Casino and communicates and implements an effective organizational strategy for setting objectives for successful operational results and future growth, in accordance with and subject to approval of the Tribal Council. Works with the CFO and staff to prepare, review and present annual budgets to the Tribal Council for approval. Directs and coordinates activities to obtain optimum efficiency and economy of operations and to maximize profits. Leads and motivates employees to provide excellent customer satisfaction, while exercising ultimate oversight and administration in hiring, staffing, training, scheduling, addressing complaints and resolving problem/concerns while promoting a positive work environment. Provides regular reports to the Tribal Council and attends meetings with Tribal Council as necessary,

on a monthly basis or as otherwise directed. Attends job related meetings, in-services, and training to maintain and enhance professional and technical knowledge. Performs all other duties and responsibilities required by the Tribal Council.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS:

A Bachelor's degree in Business, Gaming Management or related hospitality field. Enrolled Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. At least seven years in a gaming operation, familiarity with all aspects of such an operation (e.g., slots, table games, bingo, surveillance, accounting, marketing, etc.). At least seven years of management experience in a gaming environment, including administration and/or oversight of the gaming operation's finances or financial personnel, personnel/human resources administration, marketing and promotion, and oversight of customer and employee relations. At least seven years in a professional environment requiring compliance with applicable gaming codes, regulations, rules and procedures, including, but not limited to, tribal or state gaming ordinances and compacts, gaming commission or Division of Gaming regulations, and standards of the National Indian Gaming Commission. At least seven years supervisory experience directly managing 10 or more employees. Satisfactory record with and positive references from all current or prior employers. Able to obtain and maintain a Key License from the Southern Ute Division of Gaming. Able to communicate complex concepts and information to the Tribal Council, employees, and customers, verbally and in writing. Possess strong verbal and written communication skills, excellent organizational and management skills and the ability to excel in handling details, multi-tasking and working under pressure. Knowledge of computer software as it relates to customer databases, POS systems and gaming activity/marketing analysis. A valid driver's license, reliable transportation, and vehicle insurance in accordance with applicable laws. Meet and maintain eligibility requirements to operate a personal or tribal vehicle under appropriate tribal guidelines and requirements. Pass pre-employment drug test and adhere to the Casino's Drug-free Workplace Policy. Pass pre-employment background and criminal history check. Be available to work weekends, holidays, and all shifts, as necessary or required.

SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT:

The Tribal Council may appoint a committee to screen interested candidates before recommending a candidate or candidate(s) to the Tribal Council for appointment. Upon receipt of the screening results, the Tribal Council will review all applications from candidates who meet all Minimum Requirements and Qualifications and may interview candidates of its choosing. Any candidate selected for the position will be offered employment via an employment contract, the terms of which are subject to final approval by the Tribal Council. Salary for the position will be determined by the Tribal Council, in accordance with the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL SEEKS CHIEF JUDGE CANDIDATES

The Tribal Council is seeking candidates to be appointed as the Tribe's Chief Judge. Under the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code, the Chief Judge is appointed by the Tribal Council for a three-year term and, during that term, is responsible for the administration of the Tribal Court System and the adjudication of cases filed in the Tribal Court. The Chief Judge acts in accordance with the Code of Judicial Conduct and hears criminal, civil, traffic, juvenile delinquency, dependency and neglect, domestic, probate, protective custody cases, wellness court cases and all other matters arising under tribal or other applicable law. In addition, the Chief Judge is responsible for preparing and presenting the Tribal Court's annual budget - both for the Tribe, in regards to general funding, and for the B.I.A. under the 93-638 contract. The Chief Judge manages the Tribal Court's various grants and ensures that all required reports are submitted to the requesting agencies by the required date. Lastly, the Chief Judge is generally responsible for the overall supervision and administration of the Tribal Court, including its personnel. All interested Southern Ute Tribal Members are encouraged to apply with the Tribe's Personnel Department BY APRIL 1, 2011.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

The following sets forth a description of the duties and responsibilities of the Chief Judge and the qualifications that a successful candidate must or should have in order to be appointed by the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council is seeking enrolled SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY and may consider both well-qualified Tribal Members and Tribal Members who do not possess all of the qualifications listed below for trainee positions, with a specified training curriculum, goals and objectives, to eventually perform all of the duties and responsibilities and assume the position of the Chief Judge. As with other trainee positions, a tribal member selected to fulfill a training curriculum will begin the position at a reduced rate of pay and increases may be tied to specific performance objectives. Administers the day-to-day operations of the Tribal Court, including, but not limited to, supervision of employees working for the Tribal Court, providing appropriate guidance and training to all Court employees, developing the Tribal Court's annual budget in accordance with Tribal policies, procedures and guidelines and, where appropriate, the rules, regulations and guidelines of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (for P.L. 93-638 funding); monitors expenditures to ensure that the Tribal Court operates within its approved annual budget. Presides over and resolves assigned cases before the Tribal Court, including, where appropriate, issuing warrants upon proper showing of probable cause, issuing clear and thorough written and oral verdicts and decisions on motions, hearings, trials and any and all other appropriate matters in accordance with applicable law and established legal principles. Performs all necessary legal research to render accurate and comprehensive judicial decisions. Develops guidelines and standardized court forms and orders to ensure due process and other procedural standards are met for all parties before the Tribal Court. Displays a sense of basic fairness and justice, treats all parties equally, and acts in accordance with the American Bar Association's Code of Judicial Conduct. Works with social services, law enforcement and related tribal and non-tribal agencies and entities where appropriate; participates in committees and meetings related to the effective operation of the Tribe, the Tribal Court, the administration of justice, and amendments to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code. Recuses/disqualifies self from cases involving relatives or where possible conflicts of interest may

exist; refers said cases to other qualified and appointed tribal judges. Works with federal, state, county and local agencies and judicial systems to ensure that tribal laws and ordinances are understood and respected. Ensures that all reports and required correspondence are completed accurately and in a timely manner. Assigns cases to associate judges. Performs all other duties necessary to ensure the proper operation of the Tribal Court

QUALIFICATIONS:

An enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member and citizen of the United States at least 22 years of age or older at the time of appointment. A person of good moral character and judicial temperament. Never been convicted of any felony by any court of competent jurisdiction. Not been convicted of any misdemeanor in any court of competent jurisdiction within a period of (1) one year prior to the date of his selection. Shall not be an attorney otherwise employed or under contract to the Tribal Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Five (5) years experience working in a court or legal field or a Bachelors, Associate, or advanced degree in criminal justice, psychology or sociology plus at least two (2) years experience working in a court or legal field. Advanced/graduate degrees (e.g., Juris Doctorate) may be preferred. Knowledge of and familiarity with Southern Ute Indian Tribal Law, Federal Indian Law and Southern Ute Tribal Court procedure and practice. Experience developing, monitoring, and administering budgets. Experience applying for, managing, and overseeing federal, state and other grants. Experience supervising employees and administering personnel matters. Willing and able to agree to and successfully complete training plan, including off-site training, if required by the Tribal Council. Able to analyze cases before the Tribal Court and produce written legal opinions demonstrating proper legal analysis and efficient legal writing skills. Able to manage a full docket and process cases in a timely manner. Able to maintain appropriate and strict confidentiality at all times. Have a working knowledge of computers and Microsoft Word. Culturally sensitive and has successfully worked with and in Native American communities (Southern Ute community preferred). Must pass pre-employment drug test and in-depth background/criminal history check.

SELECTION AND APPOINTMENT:

The Tribal Council may appoint a committee to screen interested candidates before recommending a candidate or candidate(s) to the Tribal Council for appointment. The Committee may also recommend training curricula or programs to assist with the development of candidates who may not meet all of the qualifications set forth herein. If a training curriculum is established then, as with the Tribe's other trainee positions, rate of pay and the training curriculum will be adjusted accordingly. Upon receipt of an acceptable recommendation, the Tribal Council may appoint an individual to the position and/or may designate the person as a trainee until such time as the training curriculum or other qualifications have been achieved and the appointed individual is able to perform all of the duties and responsibilities outlined herein. The salary for the position will be determined by the Tribal Council, in accordance with the training curriculum, if any, and the qualifications and experience of the successful candidate.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE SPECIAL ELECTION Tuesday, April 12, 2011

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN

Notice - Vote for One (1)

- ☐ Kevin R. Frost
- ☐ Pearl E. Casias
- ☐ Richard L. Jefferson
- ☐ Matthew J. Box
- ☐ Clement J. Frost

NOTICE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.

- Polls open at 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the SunUte Community Center.
- Voting is by secret Ballot.
- Voting by Proxy is not allowed.
- Persons waiting in line to vote at 7:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE SPECIAL ELECTION

Tuesday, April 12, 2011
SunUte Community Center
7 a.m. – 7 p.m.

The candidates for Tribal Chairman

Kevin R. Frost
Pearl E. Casias
Richard L. Jefferson
Matthew J. Box
Clement J. Frost

The candidate receiving the HIGHEST number of votes shall be elected.

Voter Registration Deadline: March 31, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: March 31, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.
Emergency Ballot Deadline: April 11, 2011 by 5:00 p.m.



Tri-States’ early games test Ignacio’s patience

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

Borrowing from Act II of Shakespeare’s Hamlet, brevity may indeed be the soul of wit. But sportswriters dread receiving one- or two-word responses – indicators of a rough outing for a player or team – like what the Ignacio Bobcats had to offer March 17 in Farmington, N.M. “Embarrassing,” said catcher/pitcher Tyler Wancura. “Not mentally ready,” head coach Ardie Eleck added after IHS began Piedra Vista’s Tri-States Invitational (JV Bracket, lower division) with a 14-3 loss to 3A Park City, Utah’s frosh/soph squad. Shortstop Garrett Becker whacked an opposite-field, third-inning triple, then scored on third baseman Tyler Young’s single to left, but found the high-light bittersweet to celebrate on his 18th birthday. “About the only thing that went right,” he said. Ignacio’s 0-3 record – two previous losses to the 3A Bayfield JV included – began the 2011 season almost too sour to swallow.

But the Cats had slightly less than 24 hours to right the ship. Against the sophomore team from 5A Hillcrest [Midvale, Utah] on Farmington Sports Complex’s larger Field 1, IHS finally found its batting groove: Becker led off with a single, scored on Young’s subsequent double, and Ignacio would rack up seven runs in 13 total plate appearances. The Huskies countered, however, with four runs in the bottom of the inning, and their three second-inning runs almost offset the Bobcats’ four. Neither starting pitcher, Ignacio’s Andrew Gallegos or Hillcrest’s Travis Johnson, lasted the full two frames, officially working 1-1/3 innings each. But when the respective relievers, Young and Nate Green, entered, defense suddenly became the contest’s emphasis. Green virtually accomplished that on his own, allowing just four hits while striking out six, and allowing only Becker to both reach (leadoff single to center, seventh inning) and score (via a Mark Garcia single to right). Young, however, got his whole crew involved. Working out of a bases-loaded jam in the fifth, Young induced two-man Austin Owen to pop up to the mound, then got three-hole Ryan Wedle to bounce back to him. Throwing home, Young retired eight-man Mason Weaver, then IHS catcher Dmitri Reynolds – who’d spelled Wancura – flung the relay to Garcia at first, finishing a fine 1-2-3 double play and preserving an 11-9 lead. The next inning, after getting Dylan Lang to fly to center, Young gave up a double to five-hole J.T. Eckburg. A passed ball allowed him to reach third, but Jake Brown then also flew out to center. Another passed ball, dealt to Blake Lloyd, went to the backstop, but Reynolds recovered to toss back to Young covering home plate and Young put the tag on Eckburg to retire the side. “We came in a little too relaxed,” Becker said. “After that first game, the loss, we really had to regroup, come together as a team and I think we did that.” Young (5.2 IP, 8 H, 3 ER, 4 BB, 2 K) earned the win in long relief, while Johnson (1.1 IP, 5 H, 11 R, 6 ER, 6 BB, K, HBP) took the loss for Hillcrest. Becker went 3-4 batting, scoring twice and driving in three, Young added three more RBI on his 2-4 (two doubles) hitting,



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Ignacio’s Andrew Gallegos deals to the plate against Hillcrest, Utah, during March 18 action at the Piedra Vista Tri-States Invitational (JV Bracket—Lower Division) in Farmington, N.M. Ignacio beat the Huskies 12-10.

and centerfielder Sonny Sanchez plated two and scored once despite officially going 0-1 with a walk. One ribbie came when he laid down a perfect squeeze bunt to score Jeff Herrera in the second inning, not long before Becker hit a sacrifice-fly to right and brought Pedro Vigil (0-1, 2 BB, RBI) home. “It’s good to see different teams,” Becker said of the tourney, “and if we win ... even better!” So with a chance to save fifth place following the 12-10 triumph, Ignacio returned to Field 2 to face 4A Los Alamos, N.M., whom they’d also battled at 2010’s event, but who quickly put them down 5-zero after half an inning. Still swinging well, the Cats clawed right back into the lead with nine runs in the bottom half. Hilltopper JV starter James Milligan was yanked after walking Becker, Young, and Jesse Vigil: Becker and Young came in on a Garcia double, then Vigil scored on a Cuauhtemoc Torres single after Sanchez was beamed by reliever Kyle Bramlett. Los Alamos cleanup man Zak Coker smashed a two-run homer some 350 feet out to center off Wancura with two gone in the Los Alamos second, cutting IHS’s lead to just 9-8 before Ignacio went scoreless in the inning’s bottom half. How that happened, though, would ultimately cripple the Bobcats. Torres struck out looking to lead off, then after Reynolds reached second on a two-base throwing error by “Topper third baseman Gus Saeger, and Wancura singled then stole second, nine-hole hitter Tanner Harwood was frozen for the second out and Becker popped up to Bramlett for the third. ““Circle-K’s’ are killing us,” said Wancura, referring to Ignacio’s six lookie-loo strikeouts against Los Alamos, and 12 for the tournament. “Just need to swing, obviously. This wasn’t really good pitching.” Becker plated Herrera – running for Reynolds – with a one-out sac-fly to center in the fourth inning off third “Topper pitcher Kirby Eifert, putting Ignacio up 11-9 before Los Alamos assembled the winning rally with two away in the top of the fifth. Bramlett walked after Eifert

struck out, and nine-hole Tyler Thorn singled to center, plating Bramlett after a passed ball charged to Reynolds. Two wild Wancura pitches to leadoff hitter Brandon Hodges put Thorn on third and Thorn scored when Reynolds’s throw to third went into leftfield. “Just took a while to get into it,” Wancura said. “Wind was messing with my junk.” Hodges (3-4, BB, 2 R, RBI) then doubled to center through the gusts, two-hole Jake Downs walked, and Eleck knew it was time to make a change. Garcia entered with the score 11-11, but gave up a single to three-man Nick McCurdy (3-5, 2 R, 3 RBI) that scored Hodges and Downs (1-3, 2 BB, 3 R). In the bottom of the sixth, IHS threatened with Herrera standing on third and Pedro Vigil on second after a walk and stolen base, but Hodges (SV; 1.2 IP, 2 K) was called to the mound and got Becker to pop to first, then fanned Young (2-4, BB, 3 R, 3 RBI, 5 SB). “The whole tournament was a blast, even though we got two losses,” Garcia (2-4, R, 3 RBI; 2.1 IP, 4 H, 0 R, 2 K) said after the 13-11 defeat. “Had a win, which was exciting. When I was pitching I had my defense backing me up. ... We had fun, either way.” Wancura (0-2; 4.2 IP, 8 H, 13 R, 10 ER, 4 BB, 2 K) took the loss for Ignacio, while Eifert (2.1 IP, ER, 5 BB, 6 K) earned the win in relief of Bramlett for Los Alamos. Standing 1-4 overall, 0-0 in the San Juan Basin League, IHS looked to bounce back in continued non-league action March 24 at home against Pagosa Springs (0-4, 0-0 3A Intermountain), but results were unavailable at press time. “Just got to learn our mistakes,” said Garcia, who took the loss pitching (4 IP, 8 H, 10 R, 2 ER, 3 K) against PCHS. “We’ve got to know where we’ve got to be on certain plays. Everybody has a position, every play. We’re just going to get back out there and regroup!” League member Dove Creek started on the other side of the bracket from Ignacio in Farmington, but struggled through three blowouts – including a 17-7 loss to Hillcrest in the seventh-place game – and dropped to 0-4 overall in the season’s early goings.

Young Cats endure soccer initiation

By Joel Priest
Special to the Drum

The Alamosa-centered circle completed itself quickly for Jimi Lynn Sanchez. While eating at a restaurant in town, her now-assistant coach Oscar Cosio presented her an unusual option to finishing her post-cheerleading days – she’d just finished shouting for the Bobcat boys’ basketball team at the Class 2A State Championships in Pueblo – as an Ignacio senior. On March 19, however, barely seven days after being approached, Alamosa’s Mean Moose gave IHS’s newest goal-keeper a rough welcome to the 3A Southwestern League, as well as giving themselves their first victory in league play since topping Pueblo Central 3-2 in 2009 in the old 4A South Central.

Helping then-senior Chelsea McDonald notch a hat trick in that contest, now-senior Heather Queen completed one of her own in the 32nd minute at IHS Field, putting Alamosa up 8-0 at the time. Sophomore teammate Marianna Rangel then enacted CHSAA’s 10-goal “mercy rule” shortly after intermission, beating Sanchez in the 45th, and officially booking the Moose’s second win in as many matches beginning the 2011 campaign. “She did a tremendous job,” said Ignacio head coach Andrew Fenity of Sanchez, who recorded 13 total saves. “Didn’t get down. I didn’t see her quit once, and that’s all I ask for with all the girls. The effort was there; we just need to focus on organizational patterns and fundamentals.” “I’ve never seen our girls score that many, ever,” said Alamosa head coach Traci Pitts, just as impressed with her team. “And I don’t think we’ve ever started a season 2-and-0 in the last ten years!” “We were just coming in here expecting to play hard,” said sophomore Blake Faucett, who scored twice in Alamosa’s 4-0 season-opening home win, Mar. 12 over non-league Lamar. “We didn’t know how they were going to play, so we just wanted to work hard as a team to get it done.” Faucett began the scoring less than a minute after kickoff, netting on the team’s first shot. Off a rebound created by a corner kick, she scored again in the 6th,



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Ignacio’s Destinee Lucero (17) traps a ball while on the attack against Alamosa’s Fernanda Tapia (22) during the March 19 season-opener at IHS Field. The Lady Bobcats lost to the Mean Moose, the 3A Southwestern’s new addition.

and then completed her hatter ten minutes before Queen did, scoring from long range over the rookie minding Ignacio’s net. “Last year we were the team that got mercy-ruled a lot,” said Faucett, who also recorded an assist (Queen booked two helpers, as did freshman Nicole Broyles). “So it feels good to be on the other side.” Broyles marked in the 14th and 19th minutes, the latter on a breakaway to quickly put the Mean Moose ahead 5-nil. Queen then bagged a breakaway score in the 21st, right through the middle of the Lady Bobcats’ brand-new defense, and freshman Marissa Manzanares took a Faucett clearing pass to score on a counterattack in the 40th minute, seconds before the halftime whistle. Acing her only test, goalie Michelle Medina guessed correctly when she shuffled right to deny a 30th-minute penalty kick by IHS’s Destinee Lucero, after teammate Carly Barborinas drew a foul inside the area while dribbling up the right wing. It was the Lady Bobcats’ only shot attempt of the shortened match; AHS (2-0, 1-0 SWL) took 17. “It’s nice that these girls actually are OK with taking the leap,” Pitts said, regarding her

program’s lowered classification after going 0-14 (three goals for, 93 against) in 2010. “And that’s huge; we don’t know how any team plays and it’s hard to step into every game blinded.” “I think we did a couple things well,” said Fenity, whose roster of 17 featured eight fresh faces. “I think our central midfield played very well. Defensively, I think we still need a leader to step up, and I’m looking for Shawni [Troup] to fill that gap. ... As soon as that happens, we’re going to have a solid defense.” “I think we did really good for our first game,” agreed Barborinas, a center-mid and one of the few returnees from 2010, along with Lucero. “Almost everybody is new, and they did amazing. Our defense was pretty good, because that whole defense is new too. So I think we did really good.” The Lady Cats (0-2, 0-1) later fell to Bayfield (2-2, 1-1) by a score of 8-0 on March 22. The Cats will next see competition on April 9 at Al Bennett Field in Alamosa. In the meantime, Ignacio’s battle plan is simple: “Just practice our hearts out, try our hardest, and see what happens!” Barborinas said.

Class 2A/1A San Juan Basin League 2010-11 Final Basketball Standings

BOYS	OVERALL		SJBL	PER GAME	GIRLS	OVERALL		SJBL	PER GAME
Team	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Us/Them	Team	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Us/Them
IGNACIO+	22-4	.846	11-0	61.9/40.8	Norwood#	22-3	.880	14-0	51.2/26.8
Mancos	12-9	.571	9-4	54.2/53.4	Dolores	15-7	.682	10-3	52.2/38.4
Ridgway	11-11	.500	8-6	59.1/53.5	Telluride	13-8	.982	10-6	41.8/42.9
Ouray#	16-8	.667	7-4	58.6/48.3	IGNACIO	10-11	.476	7-5	46.1/48.2
Norwood	9-11	.450	7-6	52.7/52.3	Dove Creek	15-8	.652	7-6	46.5/39.3
Dolores	6-16	.273	4-8	44.6/56.5	Ridgway	9-11	.450	6-8	43.7/42.4
Telluride	5-12	.294	4-10	39.2/53.6	Mancos	6-13	.316	5-9	37.7/43.1
Nucla	1-18	.053	0-12	34.9/68.7	Ouray	2-16	.111	1-11	32.8/55.4
(+ 4th place Class 2A; # 0-2 Class 1A Great Eight)					Nucla	3-17	.150	1-13	33.8/56.3
— compiled by Joel Priest					(# 4th place in Class 1A)				

Bobcats Box-out

Boys at the Class 2A Championships

[Massari Arena, Colorado State University—Pueblo]
“Great Eight” quarterfinals, Mar. 10, 2011:
Wiggins 31, at IGNACIO 56
W (5-4-7-15)—T.Ewertz 0 0-0 0, A.Risner 3 2-4 9, B.Baer 0 0-0 0, J.Peggram 2 0-0 5, T.Risner 6 0-2 12, F.Anguiano 1 0-0 2, S.Jones 0 0-0 0, D.Rhoades 1 1-2 3, R.Munoz 0 0-0 0, T.Freaff 0 0-0 0, K.Castor 0 0-0 0, R.Ernest 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 13 3-8 31. 3-PTR’S: A.Risner, J.Peggram. FOULED OUT: none.
I (11-4-16-25)—P.Vigil 3 0-1 8, R.Brooks 8 2-3 18, J.Black 1 0-0 3, S.Richmond 7 1-1 15, P.Tahlo 1 0-0 3, D.Hudson 1 2-2 5, C.Jefferson 0 0-0 0, K.Richmond 0 0-0 0, C.Davis 2 0-0 4, X.Watts 0 0-0 0, M.Silva 0 0-0 0, J.Carver 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 23 5-7 56. 3-PTR’S: P.Vigil 2, P.Tahlo, J.Black, D.Hudson. FOULED OUT: none.
“Final Four” semifinals, Mar. 11, 2011:
Denver Lutheran 65, at IGNACIO 41
DL (28-6-15-16)—M.Joseph 1 0-0 2, Col.Stuerke 4 3-4 11, J.Kitashima 3 2-2 9, J.Haywood 12 1-2 29, Cor.Stuerke 1 1-2 4, R.Langewisch 1 0-0 2, J.Schlager 0 2-2 2, W.Crane 0 0-0 0, A.Rasmussen 0 0-0 0, N.Schilling 1 4-4 6. TOTALS: 23 13-16 65. 3-PTR’S: J.Haywood 4, Cor.Stuerke, J.Kitashima. FOULED OUT: none.

I (19-4-9-9)—P.Vigil 3 0-0 6, R.Brooks 8 3-3 20, J.Black 0 0-1 0, S.Richmond 4 3-4 12, P.Tahlo 1 0-0 3, D.Hudson 0 0-0 0, C.Jefferson 0 0-0 0, K.Richmond 0 0-0 0, C.Davis 0 0-0 0, X.Watts 0 0-0 0, M.Silva 0 0-0 0, J.Carver 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 16 6-8 41. 3-PTR’S: R.Brooks, S.Richmond, P.Tahlo. FOULED OUT: R.Brooks.
Third-place Game, Mar. 12, 2011:
IGNACIO 39, at Yuma 41
I (4-13-7-15)—P.Vigil 2 2-4 6, R.Brooks 6 3-4 17, J.Black 0 0-0 0, S.Richmond 2 3-3 7, P.Tahlo 2 0-0 5, D.Hudson 1 1-2 4, C.Jefferson 0 0-0 0, K.Richmond 0 0-0 0, C.Davis 0 0-0 0, X.Watts 0 0-0 0, M.Silva 0 0-0 0, J.Carver 0 0-0 0. TOTALS: 13 9-13 39. 3-PTR’S: R.Brooks 2, P.Tahlo, D.Hudson. FOULED OUT/TECHNICAL FOUL: J.Black 2 (flagrant elbow, 3:41 left 2nd qtr.).
Y (10-11-13-7)—D.Vukasovic 2 2-4 6, S.Wills 0 0-0 0, D.McMurphy 0 0-0 0, S.Terrell 5 1-2 14, J.Campbell 0 0-0 0, S.Baucke 5 1-1 12, J.Coughlin 1 0-3 2, C.Baucke 0 0-0 0, T.Pappenheim 1 0-0 3, A.Trappagan 0 0-0 0, J.Gordon 0 0-0 0, M.Bowland 2 0-0 4. TOTALS: 16 4-10 41. 3-PTR’S: S.Terrell 3, S.Baucke, T.Pappenheim. FOULED OUT: D.Vukasovic.

—compiled by Joel Priest



Notices

Tahgum-soo-we-knee why-koo spiku-up (12)

March 25, 2011



IN THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT
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Case No.: 2011-NC-003
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Daisy Lynn Blue Star, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Daisy Lynn Frost filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Daisy Lynn Blue Star. As of January 28, 2011 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Daisy Lynn Frost name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Daisy Lynn Blue Star.
Dated this 1st day of March, 2011.
Suzanne Carlson, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2011-004-NC
NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE
Tanisha Lee Naranjo Turtle Collins, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Tanisha Lee Naranjo Turtle Collins filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Tanisha Ruth Marie Turtle Coyote. As of March 1, 2011 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Tanisha Lee Naranjo Turtle Collins name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Tanisha Ruth Marie Turtle Coyote.
Dated this 1st day of March, 2011.
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

Request for proposals

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE - BRINK'S FLUME PROJECT

Notice is hereby given that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Water Resources Division is soliciting proposals for installation of a watertight liner to a 450 foot long elevated irrigation flume. The project site is located approximately 1 mile north of the town of Ignacio, Colorado. Contractors submitting bids are hereby notified that they must pay their employees prevailing Davis-Bacon wages.

Interested parties should submit a copy of the proposal to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Water Resources Division, 601 CR 517, Ignacio, CO 81137, or via fax to (970) 563-1051, no later than 5:00 p.m. April 1, 2011.

Project information and construction specifications are available at the above address or by contacting Chris Chambers at 970-563-0218. A project

tour may be conducted on March 30, 2011 if necessary. Please call for directions and schedules.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Water Resources Division expects to award this project to the successful bidder on April 4, 2011. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informalities and minor irregularities in proposals, and to accept the proposal deemed by the Tribe to be in the best interest of the Tribe.

Qualified Native American owned companies certified through the Southern Ute Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) will receive preference. Contractors are responsible for compliance with the TERO Code. For information on the Tribe's TERO Code contact 970-563-0117.

Request for proposal

REPAIR AND RESTORATION - ROAD AND BRIDGE PROJECT

OWNER:
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Construction & Project Management Dept.
P.O. Box 737
116 Mouache Drive
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
970-563-0138

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for repair and restoration road and bridge project.

Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2:00 PM MDT, Monday, April 11, 2011. Proposals received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact

April Toledo for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or atoledo@southern-ute.nsn.us.

There will be a mandatory meeting and walk-through April 1, 2011.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

Predetermined minimum wages (Davis-Bacon) and ARRA reporting requirements will apply for this federal-aid project.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Request for bids

REPAIR AND RESTORATION - STUCCO TEEPEE STRUCTURE

OWNER:
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Construction & Project Management Dept.
P.O. Box 737
116 Mouache Drive
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
970-563-0138

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is requesting the submittal of responses to the RFP for repair and restoration of an existing wood framed stucco teepee structure.

Responses to this RFP will be received by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Construction and Project Management Department located at 116 Mouache Drive in Ignacio, Colorado 81137 until 2:00 PM MDT, Monday, April 8, 2011. Proposals

received after that time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contact Steve Williams for a copy of the RFP at 970-563-0138 or swilliam@southern-ute.nsn.us.

There will be a mandatory meeting and walk-through at 10:00 AM MDT April 1, 2011.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. For information on TERO, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Request for bids

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE, TRIBAL HOUSING DEPARTMENT
HOME REPAIR PROGRAM, PHASE III

OWNER:
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Tribal Housing Department
P.O. Box 737-24
Ignacio, Colorado 81137
970-563-4710
Contacts:
Hilda Burch, Housing Project Administrator
Paula Lopez-Trujillo, Administrative Assistant

Separate sealed bids will be received to address Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing, Septic, Water Heater, Roof, Stucco, Drywall, Carpentry, Foundation and Site Condition work and all other items identified in the scope of work for each home needing either repair or replacement of identified items of each individual home for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Reservation-Wide Housing Repair Project, Ignacio, Colorado until 3 p.m. (MST) Thursday, April 14, 2011. Bids received after this time will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Contracting party will be with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe with the Tribal Housing Department managing the project.

Request for Bids may be picked up at the Tribal Housing Department, south of the old casino parking lot – white modular building, Ignacio, Colorado, during the hours of 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Please contact Tribal Housing at 970-563-4710 to make arrangements for pick up or email Ms. Burch @ hburch@southern-ute.nsn.us or Ms. Trujillo @ ptrujillo@southern-ute.nsn.us with your request.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the Leonard C. Burch Building, 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, Wednesday March 30, 2011 at 9 a.m., Buckskin Charlie Room. A visit to the project home sites will be following the meeting March 30, 2011, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. and March 31, 2011, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO code has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned businesses must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive any informality in bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Southern Ute Indian Elders Language and Cultural Committee

55 years and older; Enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; and Ute speaking
If interested in serving on this Committee, please submit your letter of interest to the Executive Office by April 15, 2011.

By-Laws Of The Southern Ute Indian Elders Language and Cultural Committee

Mission Statement: To preserve the Southern Ute way of life in perpetuity for the future of the Tribe.

I. The Southern Ute Indian Elders Language and Cultural Committee (Committee) will be the authority on language and culture for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

II. Statement of Purpose.
The Committee seeks:

- To teach the Southern Ute language, culture, and traditions;
- To interpret to the tribal members on language, culture, and traditions;
- To be or identify a resource for the Ute language, culture, and traditions;
- To assist the Beardance and Sundance Chief;
- To assist the Culture Preservation Department.

III. Membership

A. Composition of Committee. The Committee will consist of 7 members, each of whom will be appointed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council (Tribal Council). Interested applicants must submit letters of interest to the Committee, who will determine if the applicant is eligible for membership and whether to make a recommendation to the Tribal Council for appointment to the Committee.

B. Eligibility. Members of the Committee must be 55 years and older, an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and should be a Ute speaking candidate.

C. Term. The term of office of members of the Committee shall be for three (3) years and terms shall be staggered. When the Committee is first established, two members' terms shall be designated to expire in one (1) year, two members' terms to expire in two (2) years, and three members' terms to expire in three (3) years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for (3) years, except that in the case of a vacancy before the term has ended, a replacement appointment for that position shall be only for the length of the unexpired term. Each member of the Committee shall hold office until his successor has been appointed and has qualified.

D. Officers. The Committee shall choose a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among its seven members.

E. Resignation and Removal. Any member may resign by a written notice to the Chairperson. Any member may be removed by majority vote of the Committee upon (4) unexcused consecutive absences or other action(s) deemed in conflict with the purpose of the Committee.

F. Vacancy. When a Committee position is vacated, the Chairperson shall prepare and place an advertisement in the Southern Ute Drum for two publications. The Committee will select names to be submitted as recommendations to the Tribal Council, who will appoint a replacement.

IV. Duties of the Committee

A. Duties of Committee. See purpose.

B. Duties of Officers.

1. Chairman – Shall be responsible for scheduling and moderating the monthly Committee meetings. Shall have the power to appoint special and standing committees and delegate those responsibilities of the Chairperson to the other officers, members of the Committee, or staff when appropriate and when that delegation does not undermine the position and powers of the Chairperson, who is a voting member only in a tie vote.
2. Vice-Chairman – In absence of Chairman, will have responsibilities of the Chairman.

V. Meeting and Notice

- 1) The Committee shall meet on a day designated by the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall notify all members of the time and place of such meetings by a written notice to all members at least five (5) business days prior to the meeting.
- 2) The Committee shall meet with and update Tribal Council on a quarterly basis.
- 3) Committee meetings shall be open to any Tribal Member who wishes to attend

VI. Quorum and Voting
A quorum to conduct Committee business shall exist when (4) members are present.

VII. Compensation
Committee members shall be compensated \$100.00 per meeting for their participation.

VIII. Travel
Four trips per committee member per fiscal year will be allowed. Travel should only pertain to language and culture activities that would benefit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. All travel must be conducted in accordance with the Tribe's policies and permissibility of travel is contingent upon adequate funding in the budget.

IX. Amendments and Revisions
These by-laws may be amended or revised, in whole or in part, by majority vote of the Committee with the concurrence of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council.

Notice of public hearing

SOUTHERN UTE CHILD CARE & DEVELOPMENT FUND PROGRAM

In order to provide information and opportunities for comment on Southern Ute Indian Tribes Child Care Plan proposed 2010-11. We would like to invite your input and feedback on the up coming Plan proposals. The public hearing will take place:
Date/Time: Wednesday, April 20, 2011 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Location: Sun Ute Recreation Center: Capote Room

Quality childcare is one of the most important investments that can be made to help families. Parents can stay active in the workplace, education and training while children develop the solid foundation they need to achieve in school. Working parents need stable, affordable and safe childcare for their children.

The main focus of the Public Hearing is supporting the physical, social and emotional wellness of the tribal children:

TOPICS

- Developing the Child Care Program
- Child Care Services Offered
- Procedures for Parents
- Activities and Services to Improve the Quality of Child Care
- Health and Safety Requirements for Providers.

If you have any questions, contact Social Service Department at 970-563-0209 ext: 2331 Steve Brittain or ext: 2459 Evangeline Gray

Call for dancers

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT - RECRUITING SOUTHERN UTE PERFORMERS

The Sky Ute Casino Resort is hosting a production meeting on March 30, 2011 at 7:00 pm in the John S. Williams/Vida Peabody Rooms

We are seeking Southern Ute Dancers and drum groups, flute musicians, storytellers, actors, and play writers. The Sky Ute Casino Resort creating special events for welcoming the bus-tour groups, conferences, Native American Theater Dinner Show and any requested Native American dance performances.

Already of the confirm events: (2011)

- Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries & Museums' Conference
- Native American Heritage Train: The Southern Ute Legacy (June 5 – 9)
- Harzler Travel (July 26, 2011)

- Glenn's Motorcoach (August 15)
- Travel Master (September 16)
- Native Flute Music during Sunday Brunch at the Aspen Room Buffett (Tentative)
- Native American Theater Dinner Show (Summer)
- Mesa Verde Bus Tour Group (Summer)
- Mild-2-Wild River Rafting Groups (Summer)
- The Springs Resort, Pagosa Springs, CO (Summer)
- 15 Tentative Events

If interested, or would like more information please contact Edward Box III, Cultural Coordinator, at 970-563-1762 or email, edward.box@skyutecasino.com. "Join the Sky Ute Casino Resort Team"



SunUte Update

“To expand and improve the quality of life for the southern ute tribal members and surrounding communities by stimulating social, physical, emotional, mental, cultural, and spiritual growth through recreational activities.”



NEWS:

SunUte pool open: Pool is now open! Bring the family and friends to come enjoy the water. We also have swim lessons starting back up and we also have new swim lesson prices and time lengths. Please give us a call to find out pricing. Swim Club will also be starting up March 1st to May 12th! Call for more details.

Men’s 35+ Basketball League: Games are scheduled on Monday evenings. Double elimination tournament will be played April 18 and April 25.

Fitness: Fitness Fun Together Incentive for mother’s, daughters, sisters, and friends. Team up, sign up, and work out! For more information please call SunUte.

Senior Breakfast: The SunUte front desk staff invites all Southern Ute tribal members and SunUte members 55 and older to come enjoy a hot, healthy meal at SunUte. Breakfast begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 10:30 a.m. Tribal members and SunUte members 55 and older eat free. Non-members pay \$4 at the door. Brought to you by the SunUte Front Desk Staff.

April 1: Nettie’s Ham and Egg Sandwich
April 8: Spicy Fiesta Breakfast Cups
April 15: Orange Yogurt
April 22: Fried Egg and Avocado Sandwich
April 29: Fresh Fruit Salad with Creamy Custard

Boys & Girls Club
Overdrive schedule for March 25:
6:30 p.m.: Family Dinner
7:30 p.m.: Pre-OD Enrichment
9 p.m. – midnight: Overdrive
Call 970-563-4753 for more information.

For general information on SunUte activities, programs, holiday hours or closures please feel free to call the SunUte Front Desk at 970-563-0214.



Express Your Opinions

Beware the ‘Moccasin Telegraph’

What is the “Moccasin Telegraph”?

It means that lateral oppression, gossip, backstabbing, sabotage and a multitude of others are alive and well among the fabric of our families, communities and tribes. As if you need me to tell you.

Why this column? Ah... I guess that I personally get tired of all the backstabbing, smack-talking people haters always trying to define who everyone is and what they stand for.

You know we do care what others say. But hey, at the end of the day we can walk with our heads high knowing that others may hurt us with their words, yet we don’t have to seek approval from others or justify our behaviors to others – especially if we know we are the best possible person we can be.

As we all know, around election times, these little white flyers circulate mysteriously across the reservation. They consist of bits and pieces of information about the certain people. Usually these tidbits are under the educational pretext of “you needed to know,” and the publisher normally escapes with their anonymity having concluded their mission of assaulting the character of the editorial victim.

Most often, tidbits of information are free-flowing from those closest to us. What may often start out as an innocent truth, can be blown completely out of a tabloid

titled the “Moccasin Telegraph.”

Some people get the thrill of others’ emotions. I guess you could call these people “emotion eaters” that draw nourishment from fear, hate, or envy. People who feed off negativity strengthen the attitudes of others, and, in fact, negativity intensifies and situations get worse.

Don’t let negativity become a habit, because habits are hard to break. If you do nothing else but focus on managing your own negative thoughts and behavior, you will come a long way toward remaining positive.

The world would be a better place if we all focus on less negativity. Everyone needs to take the time, each day, to see the beautiful things that we are all blessed with.

Elaine Newton
Tribal elder

Tribal leaders must be responsible to membership

Mique. I would like to take this opportunity to address the tribal membership in a humble way and with appreciation for the support I’ve receive from those of you that believe in my candidacy for the most important position of tribal government.

We are once again in a situation of a special election for the remaining term of the former chairman. However, at this time we must accept the situation and make the best of it.

In that spirit I will take the forthcoming days to explain my position on the issues and poli-

cies that confront all of us within tribal governance, county and nationally, once I have heard your concerns on these issues. Your input is very important to me and I will not take it lightly.

A major concern of yours is employment of tribal members in existing offices and tribal entities. Within the self determination of the 1990s emphasis on education alone will not provide opportunity for our people, but opportunity is not enough until we ensure that our people will be employed in the positions we have.

Unification and leadership is another concern I have heard from our members. You elect council members to be your voice in government; without their cohesive and united front in your best interest it creates a distrust in your council. We must inform them of this and remind them they have a responsibility to each of you as a tribe.

A leader must create an atmosphere of cooperation and set an example for our young people and children, most of all for everyone. Our legacy must create for them a tribe that ensures stability, tribal pride and prosperity that will endure and ensure the continuation of our people now and in perpetuity.

This is a brief message to you my constituents for this time. In the days to come I will look forward to your concerns. Vote on April 12, 2011.

With respect,
Pearl E. Casias
Candidate for tribal chairman

StarWheels
Horoscopes by “The Starlady”

♈ ARIES (March 21-April 20)
BIRTHDAY GREETINGS ARIES! HOT...is the key word for the month of April. The blazing SUN plus 4 highly motivating planets currently in your sign rock your month with positive power starting on the 2nd. Don’t waste a minute of time procrastinating about what your next move will be. Make a bold impression RAMS, and fire up your personal agenda. Your call to action arrives on the 4th when the New Moon energy combines with decision making MERCURY. Be ready, be daring, and fearlessly move forward.

♉ TAURUS (April 21-May 21)
Hang in there TAURUS! A bevy of planets have assembled in the solitude section of your chart making it a little more frustrating for you to express yourself adequately. MERCURY’S retrograde motion has you re-examining old business and not getting anywhere. In fact you might be feeling downright isolated. Not to worry TAURUS, the SUN warms up your sign on the 20th and you won’t be feeling invisible anymore. Concentrate on what’s ahead of you instead of looking back.

♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Dust off those expectations Twins. A fiery pack of planets have taken up residence in the encouragement section of your chart. This wildly supportive group includes your sign ruler MERCURY. Pay attention GEMINI because your sign ruler happens to be on auto pilot now and isn’t moving forward. During these retrograde time periods, misunderstandings are likely. Be sure to keep your conversations clear. Later after the 23rd the chance of confusion lessens and you’re able to think rationally once more.

♋ CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Your personal performance is in the spotlight now MOON KIDS. Can’t hide your light under a barrel this month! With the NEW MOON activating the ambition area of your chart, your best option is to showcase your talents. Career goals may receive a power boost from action oriented ARIES planets. Your reputation is on the line. Being more attentive to others and expressing the considerate side to your nature will work well for you this forecast period.

♌ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Chances are the travel bug has bitten you LEO and you might be more than ready to get out and explore new territories. Your personal star, the mighty SUN currently moving through the sign of ARIES joins forces with giant JUPITER on the 6th to further advance your travel dreams. Keep a rein on your enthusiasm until after the 23rd when MERCURY the movement planet favors you with fun-filled ideas, and fortune generating plans. There’s a constructive cycle in the works for you LEO, be optimistic.

♍ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sep. 23)
Yes...it’s THAT time again and the planets have gathered together in the area of your chart known as the finance and income tax section. Be diligent with your money management. Your ruling planet MERCURY is retrograde now and it may be easy to overlook important details. Rely on your naturally thrifty nature, it may be your saving grace this month. More importantly resist the temptation to spend the cash you may have set aside for a rainy day. Be clever and resourceful VIRGO!

♎ LIBRA (Sep. 24-Oct. 23)
A line up of planets in your opposite sign of ARIES tests your relationships with others. Be objective LIBRA. You (more than any other sign) know how to maintain the peace. Create a relaxing atmosphere and then talk things out calmly. The NEW MOON on the 3rd denotes an opportunity for a fresh beginning. Be willing to meet partners halfway. With SATURN still in your sign nothing comes easy as there are many lessons to learn. Don’t forget.... SATURN is the master teacher.

♏ SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
APRIL is a great month for launching innovative ventures SCORPIO. A host of sizzling planets occupying the work and health section of your Solar Chart release an abundance of determination. Be cautious, recklessly jumping into action might be a mistake. Instead, ease into motion thoughtfully. You have the support of the NEW MOON on the 3rd as it encourages a positive start to your new ventures.

♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Listen up SAGGIES. Gather all your socializing skills together and head out in search of excitement. Before you go there may be a delay or two blocking your progress. Pleasure seeking MARS enters into a standoff with SATURN on the 18th calling a screeching halt to your romantic inclinations. Not to worry SAG, at month’s end macho MARS connects with JUPITER (your personal planet) enabling you to achieve your objectives.

♑ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
All the action this month is centered in your home environment. A fiery mix of planets create an unsettled atmosphere disturbing your domestic harmony. The best course of action would be to sidestep arguments with elders, or others in your home. Do what you can to preserve the peace. Impulsive decisions regarding home improvement projects may not pan out on the 3rd. Your tried and true methods are best, think it through first, take action 2nd. You’ll find that things will flow much easier after the 20th when the SUN shifts into compatible TAURUS.

♒ AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
This might well be one of your busiest months ever AQUARIUS! You may be feeling a compelling need to be out and about. Do give some thought as to how you respond to others in your daily communications. Quick on the trigger MARS in impulsive ARIES may have you snapping out replies. Instead focus on the business at hand. Keep a watchful on finances now. Nebulous NEPTUNE has quietly slipped into the money zone of your chart and it has quite a reputation for blurring the lines of reality.

♓ PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Both business and personal finances are demanding your undivided attention this forecast period. A hotbed of planets are currently shaking up the money section of your chart. Keep track of important papers. MERCURY in backward motion now may have you revisiting past monetary activities. Both expenses and investment methods should be watched. Spendthrift MARS might tempt you to throw caution to the wind. Be smart Little Fishes, don’t squander resources.

Carole Maye is a Certified Astrology Professional with over 30 years of astrological study and practice. Private horoscope consultations can be arranged by appointment, via email: starwheels2@comcast.net

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Correction

A letter in the March 11 issue of The Southern Ute Drum erroneously stated Jim and Elaine Newton had celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary. It was their 35th.

“MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT”

MONDAY, APRIL 4, FROM 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.
SKY UTE CASINO EVENTS CENTER

To our beautiful
“Gracie Girl” Gonzales
on your 6th Birthday!!

Thinking of you always
Makes us smile
Is it your cool ways
Or maybe your lifestyle

Could it be your lust for life
Maybe its your great attitude
Or you're just being yourself
All these things we've reviewed

It's all of these things and more
That we love about you
What we say is the truth
And it's long overdue

Love you,
Mom, Dad and Ty

April 8
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Display/Classified
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Announcements
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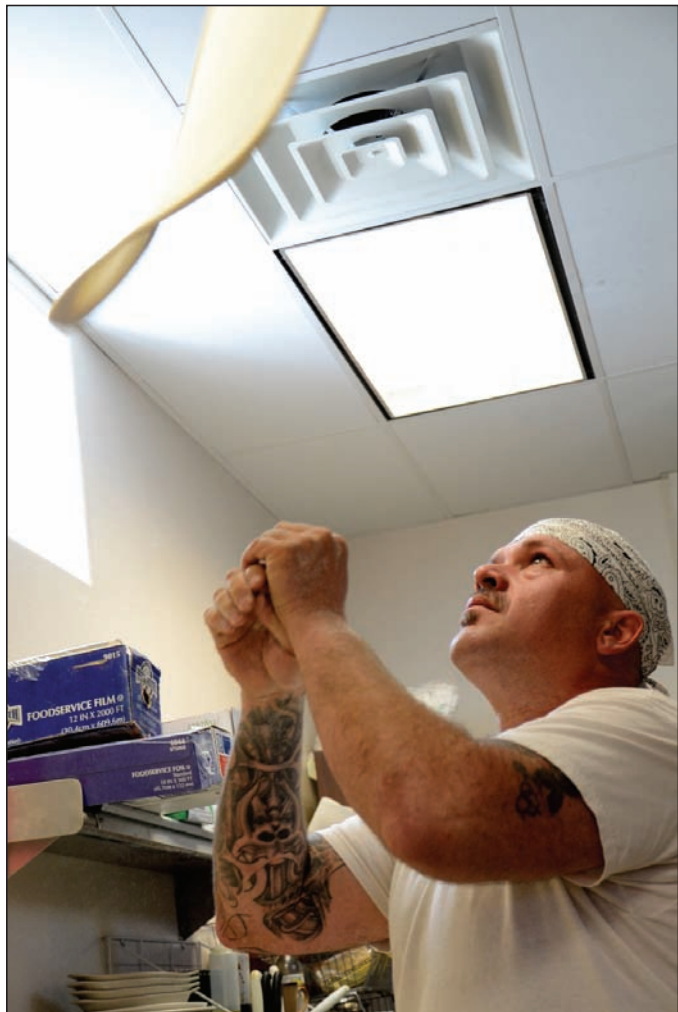
Cultural Center nearing completion



The Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum receives final touches as the dedication of its facility in late May quickly draws near. Curved steel, cut stone, beautiful woodwork and a spacious courtyard add a sense of prestige of the soon-to-open cultural facility. On Friday, March 11, workers finalize details on the building's exterior and the process of landscaping the site begins to unfold with spring weather in the air.

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

What dreams are made of



On Friday, March 11, Ignacio recognized Hero's Delicatessen as an important part of the community. Hero's recently moved into the long-vacant building on the corner of Goddard Ave. and U.S. Highway 151 in downtown Ignacio. An official ribbon-cutting ceremony was followed by pizza and drinks compliments of the chef. Owners John Blogna and Heidi Hunter opened the doors to their new location on Jan. 13. Blogna, who hails from New York, said "this is what dreams are made of."

photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU DRUM

VOTE Pearl Casias

For
Tribal
Chairperson



Let's Continue Into
Prosperity

Tribal Group to Elect Pearl Casias



Southern Ute Growth Fund - Job Announcements

Obtain complete job descriptions and applications from the Growth Fund Human Resources, 14933 Hwy. 172 • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • 970-563-5064 • rtaylor@sugf.com

Tribal Member Employment Preference, Must Pass Pre-employment Drug Test & Criminal History.

Computer Technical Support Administrator II
Closing date 3/28/11 – Growth Fund IT
Working with computers in a distributed WAN environment to provide hardware and software support for computer end users, to include performing tasks in Windows XP, Windows 7 and Active Directory Domain environments at remote locations, will also be involved with the maintenance, installation and expansion of software and hardware procedures.

Maintenance Worker
Closing date 3/28/11 – Sky Ute Event Center
Performing registration functions, performs daily rounds, repair and maintenance of the grounds and buildings providing a safe and pleasing environment for our customers and their animals.

Lease Operator II
Closing date 3/28/11 – Red Willow Production
Will manage and maintain field operations to ensure that production proceeds safely and efficiently in compliance with all regulations.

Senior Midstream Engineer - Bus. Development
Closing date 3/29/11 – AKA Energy Group
To participate in identifying, developing, and implementing economic projects, develop or supervise development of technical procedures, and review and supervise field operations.

PeopleSoft Support Analyst
Closing date 4/1/11 – Southern Ute Shared Service
Production support of PeopleSoft, Kronos and other Shared Services applications for the end user/customer. Provide enterprise-wide applications support with emphasis on the functional view of production applications. Provides day-to-day support related to PeopleSoft, Kronos and other Shared Services applications.

PeopleSoft Senior Payroll Developer
Closing date 4/1/11 – Southern Ute Shared Service
Development and production support of PeopleSoft Human Capital Management (HCM) North America and related interface to General Ledger and Accounts Payable, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation.

PeopleSoft FSCM Senior Developer
Closing date 4/1/11 – Southern Ute Shared Service
Development and production support of PeopleSoft Finance and Supply Chain Management applications, providing enterprise-wide PeopleSoft Payroll technical support and consultation.

Mechanic III
Closing date 4/5/11 – Lumen Midstream
West Wichita Gas Gathering - Cheney, KS. To perform work related to operation, maintenance, and repair of plant and compression equipment.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Boxing Commission Vacancy

The Southern Ute Boxing Commission currently has one (1) commission vacancy. This is for a two year term, individual will receive commission pay, the commission is open to anyone of interest.

The qualifications are:

- Must be 18+ years of age
- Shall be of good character
- Shall not have been convicted of or plead guilty boxing related offenses

Submit your letter of intent by 4 PM on March 31, 2011 to: Southern Ute Boxing Commission, PO Box 737 #74, Ignacio, CO 81137

Or you can hand deliver your letter of intent to Hilda Burch at the Tribal Housing Department, Attention: Phillip Martinez, Chairman 970-563-0135 ext. 2239 or Hilda Burch, Treasurer 970-563-4710 ext. 2722.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council Coordinator Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Sunshine Cloud Smith Advisory Council has one vacancy for an Adult Coordinator.

The Adult Coordinator must be at least 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Tribe with a reputation of dependability and honesty. Must be familiar with youth development and proper techniques to empower young people.

The Sunshine Cloud Smith Advisory Council strives to empower young tribal embers to take responsibility on local and global issues that effects the current and future tribal embership.

The position offers an hourly wage with hours varying, from 4-12 hours/week. The person filling the position must be able to pass a criminal background check and be insurable to drive tribal vehicles.

All interested Tribal members who would like to fill this position are urged to complete a Letter of Intent to Tribal Council and return it to Boys and Girls Club by April 1, 2011.

Sky Ute Casino Resort - Job Announcements

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Job Announcements

Please refer to the complete Job Announcement and Requirements in the Human Resources Dept. P.O. Box 737 • Ignacio, CO 81137 • www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs
Phone: 970-563-0100 • Fax: 970-563-0396 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

*Human Resources accepts applications for Temporary Employment on an on-going basis.

Front Desk Attendant
Closes 3/29/11 – Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person, greeting, screening and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration.

Electrician/Building Maintenance Technician
Closes 3/30/11 – Repair, maintenance and installation of mechanical and electrical equipment in Tribal buildings, troubleshooting and correcting safety hazards.

Grounds Maintenance Laborer (2 positions)
Closes 3/30/11 – Performs daily grounds, repair and maintenance of the Tribal grounds and buildings.

HVAC Maintenance Technician
Closes 3/30/11 – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, computer aided digital controls, hot and chilled water distribution systems and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal buildings.

Registered Detention Nurse
Closes 3/30/11 – Registered Nurse position responsible for providing professional and clinical services at the Southern Ute Detention Center.

Plumber Building Maintenance Technician
Closes 3/30/11 – Repair, maintenance, and installation of mechanical and plumbing equipment in Tribal Buildings and Systems, to include correction of safety hazards.

Group Exercise Instructor (6 Positions)
Closes 4/1/11 – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director.

Air Quality Engineer
Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, coordinates, supervises and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Enforcement Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. This position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the US EPA, or other grant funds.

Games Coordinator
Open Until Filled – Plans, implements, and coordinates programs and schedules for the North American Indigenous Games, the United States Indigenous Games, the Colorado Games and the Tri-Ute Games. Southern Ute Tribal Member Only.

Lake Capote Manager – Apprentice
Open Until Filled – This program is designed to meet the needs of a Southern Ute Tribal Member with a desire to become the Lake Capote Manager. Lake Capote Program operations are located under the Wildlife Resource Management Division in the Natural Resources Department. The objective is to offer a hands-on experience and guidance in all phases of managing the Lake Capote Recreation Area (LCRA). The Time Frame for this program’s completion is twelve (12) months, unless there are circumstances requiring an extension or reduction.

Temporary YNR Crew Leader
Open Until Filled – The crew leader serves as a role model and mentor for the high school participants. Must be a responsible, enthusiastic, and mature individual who will provide the high school students with the appropriate guidance, encouragement, and support to succeed in YNR

Temporary YNR Crew Member (4 positions)
Open Until Filled – Temporary summer position designed for Southern Ute tribal member high school students who are 16 years old or older. The crewmembers serve as workers on a crew of four that reports directly to the YNR crew leader and performs a variety of functions related to environmental education and on-the-ground work in various disciplines of natural resource management.

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Fathers’ Voices Board of Directors

The Fathers’ Voices program is seeking interested individuals from the Ignacio, Durango area to serve on the Board of Directors. The mission of the Fathers’ Voice Program is: “To help fathers and mothers to build safe and happy families in order to strengthen our communities, reduce family violence, reduce teen pregnancy, reduce alcohol and substance abuse, and to improve the health of individuals and families”.

The Board will consist of no less than 5 members and no more than 10; Each board member will serve a two-year term; Experience in nonprofit work a plus.

Interested individuals must submit a letter in interest, all nominations will be reviewed by the Board and will be contacted after review. Deadline for submission is April 15, 2011. Please letters of interest submit to Fathers’ Voices c/o Robert Ortiz, PO Box 4, Ignacio, CO 81137.

SUCAP

Southern Ute Community Action Program
Central Office • 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO • (970) 563-4517
Obtain complete job description/application from SUCAP offices.

Substitute Teachers
Open until filled – Head Start, Ignacio, CO
Prefer previous experience working with children

in a group setting. Must pass TB test, criminal history and child abuse/neglect background checks.

SOUTHERN UTE COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

Board of Directors, Six Vacancies

Southern Ute Community Action Programs, Inc. (SUCAP), will be holding its biennial elections June 7, 2011; we are looking for community members who are interested in running for a seat under Category II of our Board of Directors. **Category II – those elected by the community at large, will have 6 vacant seats. This is a two-year term.**

If you have an interest in human services, non-profit organizations or like to be involved in new and exciting initiatives impacting your community – here’s your chance! The SUCAP Board of Directors meets once a month and committees meet approximately every quarter. You must be 18 years old and reside within the Ignacio School District (11JT) boundaries. Please contact Naomi Russell if you are interested or know of someone who might be. 970-563-4517 or nrussell@sucap.org

All nominations will be followed up by our office. Deadline for nominations May 13, 2011.

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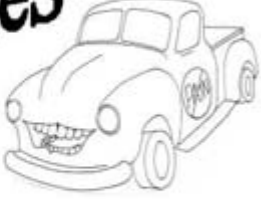


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Danielle Hight and Neida Ray were among the tribal members present for the Women's Health Workshop March 11 in the Multi-purpose Building at Ute Park. The event was coordinated by Lynda Grove-D'Wolf and covered topics of health and well-being.

Women gather for health workshop

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum

Almost two dozen women gathered informally at the Women's Health Workshop March 11 at the Multi-purpose Building at Ute Park.

The informational meeting covered a variety of health topics, from diet practices to lifestyle choices. The attendees, who represented a wide spectrum of ages and backgrounds, shared stories, experiences and advice with one another.

Southern Ute women suggest the following:

- Avoid fry bread
- Cook with wheat flour
- Regulate portion size
- When buying meat, try to make healthy choices
- Apples and applesauce are both good
- Moderation is the key to a healthy diet
- Avoid eating late at night, especially fatty foods
- Stretch whenever you can
- Drink plenty of water or green tea to remove toxins

Pointers included things like finding an alternative to pain killers.

"Don't run to the medicine

cabinet; drink some water instead" said tribal elder Lynda Grove-D'Wolf, who organized the workshop.

"Really, ladies, it is up to ourselves how we take care of ourselves," Grove-D'Wolf said.

"[After] three weeks of healthy eating, soup, salad, fish ... the craving for other food stopped," said Danielle Height, one of the workshop participants.

The workshop focused on preventative habits, emphasizing that habits formed at a young age will have an effect on aging.

Grove-D'Wolf emphasized happiness as a health tool.

"Start your day on a positive note," she said, suggesting massage, traditional and non-traditional sweat, and plenty of exercise to benefit both physical and mental health. "Go to sweat, clean your pores, try the hot springs. It's a journey you all take; you're going to get old."

This workshop itself encompassed many of the practices it is founded on: good food, music, massage and conversation that brought community members together.

Discovering is hands-on fun



Students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy paid a visit to science on Monday, March 14. Upper elementary students took a field trip to the recently dedicated Discovery Museum in Durango, Colo. The museum will continue to host students from the Academy as part of an ongoing enrichment program, giving youth hands-on experience with principles of science and technology. Students worked on an interactive globe, experimented with solar panel adjustment, and tried mechanical pressure tests. The Academy's lower elementary and primary students also visited the museum, on March 10 and 22, respectively.



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Spring break announcements

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and Ignacio School District
No school Monday, March 28 – Friday, April 1.

Southern Ute Tribal Council
No meetings Monday, March 28 – Friday, April 1.

2011 Spring Break Three-Day Service Projects

Club Members may sign up for one
Three-Day Service Project

- Peace Jam Mural Project
3/28-3/30
- Community Garden Project
3/29-3/31
- Community Safety Project
3/30-4/1

Service Project Club Hours: 7:30am-5:30pm
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